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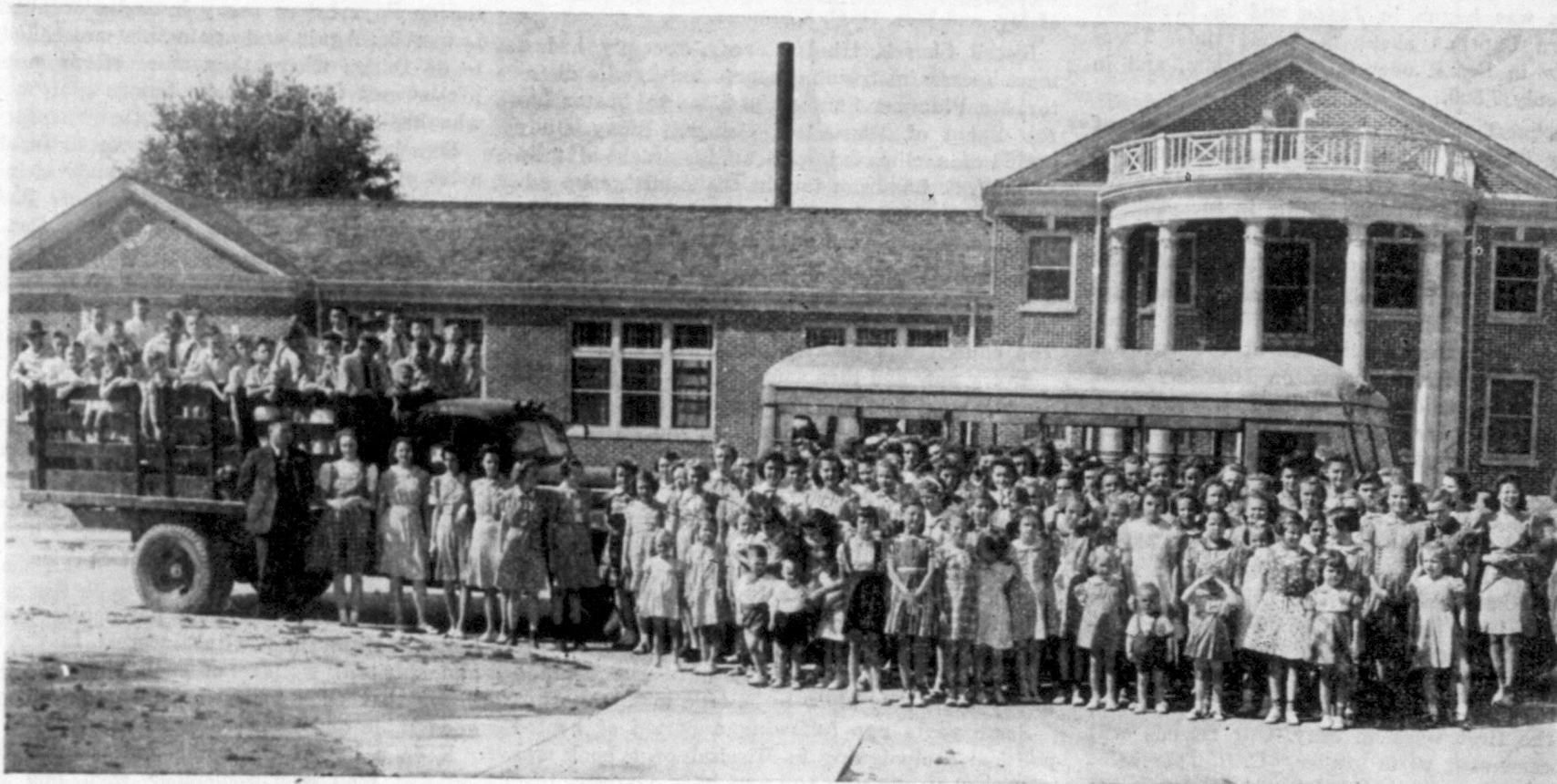
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YOUR MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING WILL ASSIST WITH THE SUPPORT AND TRAINING OF THIS LARGE GROUP TOGETHER WITH MANY OTHER CHILDREN WHO MAY BE ADMITTED DURING THE YEAR.

Missionary R. A. Eddleman, Jr. preached morning and evening to the people of Calvary Church, Jackson, last Sunday.

Miss Auris Pender, missionary on furlough from China was not able to meet her engagement at Hazlehurst Sunday on account of illness.

Having had one study course recently the Sunday School force of Hazlehurst Church asked for another, and Pastor G. P. White is this week teaching "Outlines of Bible History."

Dr. S. H. Jones of Brookhaven on Thursday of this week begins a meeting with Pastor W. J. Dorman in Carrollton Ave. Church, New Orleans. These two preachers were school mates in the Baptist Bible Institute.

Dr. Harold W. Tribble of the Louisville Seminary preaches the Commencement Sermon for Carson-Newman College in Tennessee, May 11, and that of Mercer in Georgia, June 1.

Dr. W. A. Alexander preached at Florence, S. C. on the twenty fifth anniversary of his ministry on "Why I preach", and on "What I preach". We are guessing his texts were, "Necessity is laid upon me", and "I preach Christ."

Dr. Chester Swor was recently in a revival meeting in Calvary Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, where he contacted many students in the University of Alabama. Student Secretary Charles W. Barnes reports that many lives were dedicated to Christian service.

The new parsonage, two story brick, at Crystal Springs is now ready for occupancy. Pastor A. B. Pierce is this week in a meeting in Calvary Church, Greenwood, which was his first pastorate and where he has previously assisted in a revival meeting. He also preached the commencement sermon Sunday morning for the Crystal Springs High School.

Dr. L. L. Gwaltney has been editor of the Alabama Baptist for 23 years, longer than any other man in its history of 106 years.

It is said that two biographies of Dr. A. T. Robertson are in course of preparation, one by Dr. Everett Gill, Sr. and the other by Dr. W. Hersey Davis, the latter dealing with Dr. Robertson as a scholar and teacher.

Jones County Brotherhood Association meets at Myrick Apr. 25 at 6:30 p. m. Besides inspirational talks there will be supper, fine fellowship, fun and reports. The program is by the Second Ave. Brotherhood. Subject: Our Homes. Bunk Jordan expects 300 men. Calling all men.

Rev. J. C. Murphy preached at Clinton Sunday morning and evening. He was graduated from Mississippi College a year ago and has spent one session in the Baptist Bible Institute. We heard only the morning sermon, and it was a fine exposition of I P. 1:3-5. He stuck to his text and interpreted accurately and applied it practically.

The question is often asked what relation is the Now Club to the 5,000 Club. The Now Club is intended to do in three years what the 5,000 Club would take many years to do, and so save a large sum in interest. The bonds run for fifteen years or more, but they can be paid off sooner if the money is in hand. Let's send it in at the earliest possible moment.

Pastor C. C. Jones of Mendenhall last Sunday evening preached the commencement sermon for the High School at Seminary. This gave the editor the opportunity to preach for him at Mendenhall. Here we were among old friends who read the Record. This church has made good progress under the leadership of Brother Jones and listening seriously seems a habit with them.

LEST WE FORGET

Mother's Day has been set aside by the Mississippi Baptist Convention as a special day for the Baptist Orphanage. On this day, or sometime close to it, it is expected that every Baptist church in Mississippi take a special collection for our children at the Orphanage.

Just what that offering will be in each church will be determined by the pastor, the Sunday school superintendent, president of the Missionary Society and leaders of the other departments of our organized church work, and the program that they set up and give the needed information to their constituency.

We are dedicating this issue of the Baptist Record to an initial message concerning that offering. It is not at all too early for pastors, Sunday school superintendents and presidents of the missionary societies to begin to plan now to make that collection the largest in the history of the home.

During the past year as well as at all other times, the Board of Trustees, the superintendent, staff and children have tried to do their best. How well we have done this, it remains for others to say.

All who have visited the Orphanage during the past year have seen many evidences of an improved program at the Orphanage for the boys and girls in their daily living. There has been a greater variety of food, better clothes, and great improvement in the physical condition of the plant. We have also experienced a great spiritual growth, many boys and girls have made profession of faith and affiliated themselves with the church. As we continue to grow physically

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Sparks and Splinters

Louisiana College (Baptist) at Pineville has students from 13 states and Puerto Rico; eleven of them from Mississippi.

Dr. B. C. Land of Quincy, Fla., was recently in a good meeting with Pastor Koy Peterson in Graceville Church, Florida.

There are more people in Minnesota not connected with any church than there are white people in Mississippi in and out of the churches.

There are 1300 students in Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, who are members of Baptist churches or express a preference for Baptists.

Work was begun in Japan and in Brazil by Southern Baptists about the same time. There are now in Brazil over 50,000 Baptists, and in Japan only 7,500.

By request the editor spoke to the people of Calvary Baptist Church at prayer meeting last Wednesday evening on the first two chapters of Malachi. Next Wednesday he is to speak on the other two chapters. The pastor Dr. Claud Bowen is helping in a meeting in Anniston, Ala.

The Alumni and friends of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Texas, will hold their annual luncheon at the Tutwiler Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama, on Thursday noon, May 15. A splendid menu and an excellent program have been arranged. All alumni and friends will want to attend.—R. R. Moore.

I have just returned from a very gracious meeting in Crestview, Florida, where it was my privilege to try to do the preaching from March 30th to April 9th. Many of our old friends from South Alabama came down to worship with us. We had a large number of conversions and additions to the church. Brother F. L. Dykes is the beloved pastor, and has been for several years. We will begin our meeting in North Carrollton, Miss., the first week in May. Our friends will please remember us in prayer.—C. S. Thomas.

Our committee has approved a petition addressed to President Roosevelt asking that he use his good offices as Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy to stop the sale of liquor in Army Camps, and that a protection zone against vice be thrown around the camps. Our superintendent, Rev. N. S. Jackson was instructed by our committee to give the petition wide circulation in Mississippi. Funds are not in hand to do the task, and we ask that those who believe such a petition should be circulated send contributions immediately. A fund of five hundred dollars will not be too much to do the work as it should be done—Executive Committee, Mississippi Anti-Saloon League, P. I. Lipsey, Chm., Henry M. Bullock, Secretary.

Interest in what is called the Now Club and in paying the debt on our Convention Board, resolve itself into the question of how much we are interested in Christian Education. That is a matter of prime concern to our people whether they know it or not. The man who doesn't believe in Christian Education ought never to sharpen his axe or his plowpoint. Indeed it is doubtful if he ought to have an axe or a plowpoint. He ought to have to cut his wood with his teeth and scratch the soil in his field with his fingers. Christian Education is just intended to enable every servant of God to do better work for the Lord and to do more of it. Nobody wishes to go back to the days when the Indians in this country planted their corn and potatoes and worked them with a forked stick. Why should we be willing to send our boys and girls forth to do their work in the world without Christian Education. Of course no sensible person would fail to provide education for our young people. And no sensible person ought to be willing to take the Christian element out of education. The only way we can be sure of preserving the Christian element in education is by supporting Christian schools.

Biloxi First Church has welcomed 29 new members since January 1.

Last month was the best financially the Amory Church has had for ten years. Last Sunday Pastor J. F. Measells welcomed three for baptism and others by letter.

Send your Mother's Day Offering direct to Baptist Orphanage, Jackson, Mississippi, or to Rev. D. A. McCall, Secretary, Baptist State Mission Board, Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi, stating that the offering is for the Baptist Orphanage.

Professor David E. Guyton, head of the Department of History and Social Science of Blue Mountain College, will be the guest speaker at the meeting of the Mississippi Poetry Society in the Blind School auditorium, Jackson, on the evening of April 30, when awards will be made to winners of the poetry contest conducted by the Society. Professor Guyton will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Simmons.

Siwell Church, Hinds County, recently had a most successful training course led by the director, Mr. Plummer Sanford, assisted by Pastor Leroy Bolan of Mississippi College. Every study period was climaxed with an inspirational talk. Rev. W. S. Landrum taught the Adult group admirably. Brother Lenon Moore of Clinton taught the Intermediates, and did it well. So did brother Max Sadler with the Juniors. Delightful refreshments were served on Friday. Pastor Bolan and wife were presented with a big box of groceries. The church was greatly blessed.

Every now and then somebody makes a sensible remark even in this mad world. The daily press reports that Dr. Lee Bidgood of the Department of Administration in the University of Alabama told the Rotary Club in Hattiesburg that the American people must work longer hours for themselves if they do not wish to work still longer hours for victorious enemies. The effort to reduce working hours to a minimum has resulted in abolishing labor unions in some countries and making all workmen the slaves of the state. Not many men today have the courage to say what they know to be true in this matter.

Some years ago following a period of heated political campaigning in Mississippi, a book was published by one who had part in it, charging that one of the prominent figures in the fight had tried to hire the author to commit murder. Now a book recently published, written by a participant in the campaign recounts the history of it, and says that men of his group conspired together to kill one of their opponents, by provoking him into a fight. Fortunately it didn't work. But what we are thinking about now is the possible depths to which human nature can descend. Let us hope that conditions and people have improved.

Pastor Montie A. Davis writes of a great service in East Moss Point Church. Brother Joe Fulford of Jackson, a layman and member of the Griffith Memorial Mission Band, spoke at the evening hour. The Lord was with him in power as he magnified the cross of Christ. He told of his own glorious conversion. When the pastor gave the invitation, a man and his wife came for baptism, a fine woman by letter; a young man came rededicating his life, then a man who had been a slave to drink came asking forgiveness and consecrating his life to God. These were at prayer meeting the next Wednesday night.

We preachers ought to preach more to children. We can put a brief message for them in the regular sermon, or we can preach a special sermon for them. Sunday school teachers ought to learn to adapt a genuine Bible message so that it will appeal to children. Some preachers and teachers are able to do this with good results. We have just received a brand new book published by Revell, a book of "Talks To Children," fifty-two of them, one for every Sunday in the year. These talks are by Edgar Primrose Dickey, professor of Divinity, St. Mary's College, University of St. Andrews. We do not stand for the orthodoxy of everything in the book, but it will interest and instruct children; and it will help others who teach children. The price of the book is \$1.50.

Pastoral Problems

By Norman W. Cox

"Bad Business"

Several times in the past five years I have known good men who were forced to give up their jobs because their boss demanded that they do things that were contrary to their Christian conviction. This kind of thing is growing. The changes which have come in American business which have resulted in the growth of great soulless corporations that are motivated only by the profit motive and whose morality and ethics is of the jungle is largely responsible for this.

The pressure that is put daily upon men in the employment of many business organizations is terrific. Again and again they are called upon to do things where they must either quit their job or quit Christ. I have known glorious souls who had the courage to quit their job.

Somehow we are going to have to fight over a lot of battles in this country and rewin some wars that once a Christian conscience had won but today the Devil has retaken the fort.

It will be very interesting to look around in our community and think of various situations in which men, because of what they feel to be necessity, are being required to do things against which their consciences are in revolt.

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SUGGESTIONS

J. O. Williams, Business Manager, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., Suggests Some Things the Pastor Might Do for Young Men of His Church who are Enlisted in Government Service

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Seek to know each one personally and intimately. Maintain a vital interest in the moral and spiritual welfare of each one.

See that each man who goes to camp has a good Bible and knows how to use it.

Keep a list of the name and address of each enlisted man and remember each one at the Throne of Grace daily.

Write a letter as often as possible to the boys in camp and keep the helpful touch.

Send them good literature in articles, tracts, and devotional books.

Write to the pastor of a church near the camp and secure his aid and the aid of his church.

Advise your young members in camp to join a church, Sunday school class, and Training Union near the camp, and to become active in service. Present the Christian life as the best preparation for service to country.

Strive to keep your people from an attitude of hatred, malice, anger, and bitterness, and to help them live the lives of love.

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Our Baptist exchanges bring the report of the death of Dr. Jno. L. Whorton of Longview, Tex. He was a native of Alabama. His pastorate in Longview was notable for the growth of a great church. He passed away in a Dallas hospital after a heart attack.

The W. M. U. of Southern Illinois has bought a place for holding summer encampments, said to be one of the most beautiful in Southern Illinois. It includes a lake stocked with fish, forty acres of wooded land, four cabins, a club house and a bath house. The cost is \$4,800 of which \$1,500 was paid down.

Those who attended the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last year in Baltimore will not soon forget the program which the Southern Baptist Brotherhood gave us, as they came marching down the aisles with banners flying. Secretary Lawson H. Cooke assures us that the program this year will not fall short of that. The time assigned the Brotherhood is Saturday night, which is rather unfavorable, but it is hoped that all pastors will urge their laymen to remain for that service and will set them a good example.

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ence Hall, reporter-investigator, in concluding a
series of three articles on the citizen army ap-
pearing in the Christian Advocate, Methodist
Church publication, final publication on March 6.

Mr. Hall's conclusions are as follows:

"In totalling the sum of my impressions of
the camps—together with what I learned in
Washington of the War Department's attitude
toward the problem I get this: 'The coalition of
liquor and gambling and prostitution is strong.
In many cases the arrangements between such
forces of corruption and local politics appear
based upon an amiable reciprocity. Their patron-
age comes not only from men addicted to such
practices, but also from adventurous youths who,
separated from home ties and tempted by the
proximity of such evils, dabble experimentally
for the sake of an unaccustomed thrill. The re-
sulting rapid decadence of morals among hitherto
clean young men is a threat that only a mind
persistently blind will fail to see.'

"The communities themselves are saddled with
a tremendous problem, one that is bound to
grow more complex as the camps grow in popu-
lation. A few are wrestling bravely against
such odds as limited facilities and corrupt gov-
ernment, to master the problem before it mas-
ters them. But others are bewildered. The local
papers carry little or no reference to the prob-
lem. A good many being in the same boat as
one editor who phrased it thus: 'I am in the
embarrassing position of having yelled for re-
peal. Now I can't about face without losing face.'

"The army commanders charged with the task
of turning out men who are physically and mor-
ally fit are frankly apprehensive—'off the rec-
ord.' In many cases their military police have
had to step in, as one expressed it, 'Wash the
town's dirty linen because the local people are
too lazy or too holy to tackle it themselves.' The
army's own morale division and corps of chap-
lains are doing a splendid job. But as General
Marshall told me 'When soldiers leave camp they
are on their own.' Official Washington is mak-
ing some motions to help. A batch of commit-
tees are out surveying conditions for the Nation-
al Defense Commission. But little will be accom-
plished because of bureaucratic red tape.

"Legislative action by the federal government
seems to be the answer to any widespread re-
form. A bill proposed by Representative May
aims to outlaw prostitution near the camps;
the War Department high command favors its
passage; it stands a good chance to be enacted.
But, official Washington definitely shies away
from any similar attempt to control liquor—
probably because of the administrations own at-
titude toward anything resembling a return to
prohibition. My attempts to point out the incon-
sistency of favoring prostitution control while
evading liquor regulation met only silence—no
argument—on the part of Washington brass
'hats.'

"In view of this it appears to this reporter
that the only hope of bettering conditions on
anything like a broad scale lies in following the
suggestion given me privately by a high ranking
official whose name for obvious reasons cannot
be divulged. Said he: 'My suggestion is that
church people of America band together, first,
force their local governments to clean up liquor
conditions, and then unite with others all over
the country to put up such a howl to Washing-
ton that federal legislation will have to be en-
acted,—or else. Since this reporter made his in-
vestigation and reached his conclusions, Senator
Morris Sheppard has introduced a bill, S860
basically would renew the law of 1917 which out-
lawed all alcoholic beverages from military
camps, (including naval stations) and from zones
around such camps, also outlawing commercial
vice from the same area. Mrs. Ida B. Wise
Smith, president National W. T. C. U. comments,

MISSIONS AFTER THE WAR—A PLEA TO PREPARE

H. H. Hargrove, Pastor
Columbus Ave. Baptist Church, Waco, Texas

Unprecedented opportunities, crushing respon-
sibilities, and perplexing problems are certain
to make a simultaneous appearance before our
Foreign Mission enterprise after the war. South-
ern Baptists should begin now to foresee the
conditions which will prevail and make prepa-
rations to be able to meet them. To fail to do
so will simply mean that they will come to face
a prostrate and pleading world with empty hands.
Such failure will mean a repetition of the heart-
breaking conditions which followed the last war
when doors of opportunity swung wide all over
the world and scores of young mission volunteers
pleaded for the privilege of entering them but
were denied because of the lack of funds. The
efforts which were put forth to take advantage
of these opportunities resulted in tremendous
debts which have hindered, and are still hinder-
ing, our work. Of course, this was due, not to a
lack of earnest, careful planning, but to the
failure of Southern Baptists to pay their Seventy-
Five Million Campaign pledges. Baptists must
be sure that the tragedies of the past will not
be repeated. If they are to be true to the high
call of God in Christ Jesus, they must be ready
for the challenges and calls of the world when
the present tragic war has ended.

Let us try to determine what conditions will
be at the war's end. This writer lays no claim
to the gift of prophecy. However, it seems that
by an examination of the conditions which fol-
lowed the last war and a study of present con-
ditions and trends, we should be able to arrive at
conclusions regarding conditions after the pres-
ent war which approximate what the facts will
be. Of course, some of these conditions will de-
pend, in a large measure, on which side is vic-
torious. Regardless of whether the British or
Axis allies win, future conditions must be thought
of in superlative terms. No conditions like those
the present war will leave in its wake have ever
confronted the followers of Christ in the past.
What will these conditions be?

First, tragic, unprecedented destruction and
want will prevail. The extent of these will de-
pend on how long the war lasts and how much
it spreads. Already there is enough human and
material wreckage to present a major problem
should war cease immediately. One shudders to
think of the certain conditions if war continues.
If the war spreads, its ghastly results will be
larger in proportion. The pitious calls for help
which will come from these belligerent coun-
tries after the war must be heard and answered
in the name of Christ. In addition, it will be found
when the war is over that it has imposed its
poverty and suffering on the people of our mis-
sion fields not actually at war. Added to all of
this, it must be remembered also that Baptists
in such countries as England and Germany which
have prosecuted large missionary enterprises in
the past will not be able to resume this work
long after war has ceased. We have already had
to help English Baptists with their work. How
much more so England and others after war has
ground to its ghastly end.

In the second place, unparalleled opportunities
will be presented Baptists for worldwide preach-
ing of the gospel. Doors will undoubtedly be op-
ened wider and more numerous for the en-
trance of missionaries than at any time since
Christ died. This will almost certainly be the
case if the democracies win. No doubt to a less,
but still a challenging, degree if the axis powers
win. But if the democratic nations triumph in
this world conflict, a new world order will be
formed on the basis of democratic principles. In

'Why with a certain remedy possible as would
be provided by the Sheppard bill is the nation
justified in pursuing a doubtful course during
which young men without number might become
drink addicts, victims of venereal disease, and
inefficient soldiers.'

this case, there will almost certainly be such a
demand for world wide human freedom and such
an up-surge of the human spirit that it will make
the Renaissance and the Reformation look like
children's tea parties. It is difficult to believe
that, under these conditions, democratic states-
men would formulate a world order without a
demand for universal religious freedom. It is
almost a certainty, also, that in the forming
of such world order the movement would have
such force that practically all nations would
come to be a part of it. If these probabilities
become actual facts practically all nations would
come to be a part of it. Old political and religious
prohibitions against religious freedom would be
broken down to allow missionaries entrance to
preach Christ everywhere. The hungry-hearted
peoples who have been denied the light would
then eagerly seek the Saviour.

Who knows but that God is preparing the
world for just such a day when the gospel can
be preached to ready hearers everywhere. As I
write, a map of the world occupies the wall be-
fore me. Yonder is Russia, hanging like a sombre
cloud over Europe and Asia. The Mohammedan
countries spread over portions of Africa, Europe,
and Asia like a blight. Japan, octopus-like,
spreads her tentacles over the Pacific world, de-
termined to impose her paganism where she
rules. There is China, a wounded giant pleading
for help, and a potential power for God and
civilization. There are the pitious Catholic coun-
tries of Europe where the voice of the Vatican
has been so potent in suppressing the gospel.
Mexico is ripe and hungry for the gospel. Is it
not possible that all of these doors will be opened
to the Gospel in the new day? It even seems
probable that God is moving toward that end.
If they are opened, and Baptists are ready to
enter, the birth of whole nations in a day would
almost become a reality and Baptists would be
able to lay a foundation for spiritual conquest on
which they could build a mighty world empire
for Christ. Still left, besides the above, are the
great African and South American continents,
comprising one-third of the earth's area and one-
ninth of its population, yet open to the gospel,
but with their vast regions little more than
touched by the Baptist message. An enlargement
of our mission program in these countries is des-
perately needed now.

Admittedly, these opportunities may not come
as fully as above stated. But certainly, great
responsibilities and opportunities will come, in
some measure comparable to the above, when the
war is over. Our idea of God must be dwarfed
if we cannot believe that He walks amidst war's
tragedies to guide the destinies of nations to a
day, when He can be glorified and man set free
by the spread of His gospel. The Christian group
which is ready in that day to do big things will
be the people who can claim the day for Him and
themselves. Baptists ought to be that people.
God will do His part as He did after the last
war. He opened doors then and called young peo-
ple to enter them. He will do the same this time,
we believe. Will Baptists be ready?

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If you are really interested in the welfare of
the orphan children of your church, let them know
of your interest by making a liberal contribution
on Mother's Day.

We had as well face the fact that our country
along with all the rest of the world is facing
the most serious crisis of many years, if not in
all its history. World conditions could hardly look
worse. It becomes all of us to get right with
God, and to try to get all others right with God.
If moral conditions do not improve, it may be
necessary for the Lord to clean up the world with
the broom of destruction. France went down in
five weeks because of internal moral collapse,
and there is no sign of its coming back. We need
to see to it that liquor and licentiousness do not
destroy our army before any outward enemy
has a chance at it. And what can you expect of
a man as head of the army and navy who more
than any other was responsible for opening up
the sluices of liquor in America?

EDITORIALS

PICTURES OF JESUS—THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men", John 1:4.

We call attention to a reading approved in Westcott and Hort's Greek New Testament for you to think about: "That which hath been made was life in Him", instead of the usual reading, "In him was life". It is simply a matter of punctuation, but punctuation sometimes determines the meaning of a sentence. We do not know which is correct. But for our purpose, maybe for all practical purposes, there is little difference. You may work it out for yourself whether John said, "That which hath been made was life in him", or "In him was life."

Any way the passage teaches us that the "Word", the Son of God, whom we have come to know as Jesus, in his estate with God from eternity, and through all time, had in himself the principle of life. The germ and beginning of life was in him. It did not originate somewhere else, outside of him. It belonged to him as an essential quality of his being; and that it was nowhere else to be found. Wherever there has been any manifestation of life, of any sort of life, from its lowest form to its highest expression, it came from him, was implanted by him and imparted by him. It was, as we say, inherent in him.

All activity of every sort was because of him, and originated in him. If suns and worlds were sent spinning in space, it was because of the living one, one who embraced all life in himself. If minute atoms and electrons are vital with energy so that they are endowed with infinite potentiality, it was because of the life that was in him. They tell us that nothing in the universe is static, that nothing stands still, that from the small particles of matter invisible to the natural eye to the systems of worlds revealed to us by astronomers, every thing is in motion. There is no "dead matter." What John wants us here to see is this picture of the eternal, omnipotent word of God as the one who has life in himself and who imparts life to the whole creation.

There is plenty to confirm this in other parts of the scriptures. Jesus said, "As the Father hath life in himself, so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself." In the Old Testament we are taught that the very word Jehovah, the name of our God as revealed to Moses, means one who has life in himself.

Next we are told that "the life was the light of men." The life inherent in the Word takes the special form or assumes the special mission as "the light of men." Here is a wide field, too wide for exploration here, perhaps too wide for anything less than eternity to reveal. But something of it may be known. You have seen an electric current used to set in motion streamlined trains, ocean liners or acres of machinery. And you have seen it converted into light which illuminates your home, or a city. So the same life that was in the Son of God not only set worlds in motion, but it acted to bring the light into men's minds, and unto their souls.

Whatever of intelligence is in men is the product of the life that is in Christ. It must have a source and origin and John tells us that it is in the Eternal Word of God. Not only does intelligence have its origin in him, but every moral quality is a manifestation of his life. Conscience is the voice of God speaking in us. The conviction of sin, the aspiration to rise above the flesh and the world. The visions of prophets and seers were made possible by the awakening of the life of the Son of God. "God is light."

Then John tells us that the light shined in darkness and the darkness did not quench it. When sin shut out men from direct access to God, the light continued its mission. Peter tells us that the word of the prophets was a light shining in a dark place. The world was never so blacked out that there was not some light from above.

Even they that did not have the law of God were a law unto themselves, their conscience bearing witness, and their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them, Ro. 2:15.

In the passage in John 1:5 the word translated comprehended or apprehended probably means overcame. The Greek word literally means seize or grasp so as to keep it down. In John 12:35 the same word is used: "Yet a little while is the light among you. Walk while yet have the light, that the darkness overtake you not." "Overtake" here means sieze or shut down on you. John says that in all the darkness of the past the light was not entirely shut out. When there is a blackout all around, the stars are still shining.

Here John the Evangelist introduces John the Baptist who had been his instructor. John the Baptist was a great witness to the light, but was not the light. No matter how great a prophet or preacher or teacher a man is, all he can do is to bear witness of the light that others might find Jesus. John points to the Lamb of God, but if your soul is to be enlightened it must be done by Jesus himself.

"The true light, which lighteth every man, was coming into the world." See Am. Revision, marginal reading. All that both Johns could do; all that any of us can do is to try to draw the veil and let men see the light of the world. Here is John's picture of Jesus, the light of the world. The whole world was lost in the darkness of sin; The light of the world is Jesus.

Like sunshine at noonday, his glory shone in The light of the world is Jesus

Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee.

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LONG AND SHORT PASTORATES

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This is written in response to a request, not of a whole group of folks, but of one who thinks that it is a matter in which churches and preachers alike are and ought to be interested. How long ought a pastor stay on his field?

Let it be said at the start and emphatically that the Lord only can answer that question. And in the judgement of this scribe he does not answer it with blanket and uniform instructions. The Lord deals with every individual preacher and every individual church. There is no Procrustean bed to measure the length of a pastorate, making all of the same length.

A man is not necessarily discredited because his pastorate is short, and he is not necessarily to be rated the highest because he has stayed a long time. Dr. R. A. Venable said of a brother who had expressed a wish to "die in the harness", that there might be such a thing as being dead in the harness. Every preacher who is of the right sort, when he gave himself to the Lord for the ministry, surrendered to God completely, to be sent anywhere the Lord wishes, his stay to be as long or as short as the Lord shall indicate.

It is a happy thing if the Lord directs him to stay a long time. There are many blessings attendant on a long pastorate. There ought to be growing influence with the lengthening years, increasing confidence and affection, greater comforts and satisfactions. But remember that comforts and satisfactions are not the prime considerations. The purpose is to save as many people as possible. To build up the people in the faith and knowledge of God in Christ, to lead them to the highest type of Christian character and into the life of greatest usefulness. To be like Christ and to do the work of Christ is the business of every Christian. And it is the business of the pastor to help people to attain this. As long as this is being done, the pastor is at liberty to continue. If under these conditions he goes away, it ought to be a certainty that there is more to do some where else.

Staying or going should not be determined by any selfish consideration. A man should not stay because he has the vanity to be heralded as the holder of a long pastorate. And he ought not to go simply because some other field offers a larger salary. If a man is in the habit of listening to God, he can hear what God has to

say about the length of his pastorate. If he is willing to do the will of God, the will of God will be revealed to him.

The length of a pastorate is sometimes determined by how thick a man's skin is. Preachers' skins are not all of the same thickness. There are some who cannot endure the least criticism or opposition. They are so sensitive that the consciousness that one man or woman in the congregation is opposed to him upsets him, makes him constantly uncomfortable and makes him wish to change as soon as possible. It is possible that some pastorates have been ended prematurely on this account.

There are some others whose skin is so thick, that the barbs of half a dozen, or a dozen, Diotrepheses would not disturb them. They can go on with the work in spite of it all. Just how thick a man's skin ought to be we do not know. There ought to be a medium somewhere. It is not a question of whether or not the preacher is comfortable but whether the church is going forward, and whether the members are more like Christ from year to year.

Other things being equal a long pastorate can do more good. But there is a whole lot in that "other things being equal". We have known short pastorates which accomplished great good. They seem to have accomplished a definite and perhaps a difficult task. And when the task was done, conditions justified his moving on. We have known long pastorates whose usefulness seemed to have come to an end before the preacher found it out.

The Lord will show a man how long to stay and how soon he ought to go, if he really wants to know and is willing to do the will of God. But if he holds a long pastorate because he knows how to do some shrewd political maneuvering, then he is serving himself and not the cause of Christ.

On the whole many pastorates are too short. The work is not finished. Every man in the beginning of his pastorate ought to plan a long program ahead, expecting to stay indefinitely and carry it through under the direction of the Holy Spirit. And every church ought to counsel with the pastor in projecting the program and support him in carrying it out. Short pastorates are sometimes due to the lack of mutual counsel in making a program, and lack of understanding or cooperation in carrying it out.

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It is stated that ninety-two volumes of Voltaire's works bound in beautiful calf binding, were sold some years ago at the sale of the Earl of Dudley's effects, for \$2, but the British Government paid \$500,000 for the Codex Sinaiticus.—Sunday School Times.

Secretary McCall is this week in a meeting at McLaurin adjacent to Camp Shelby, where brother Stewart of Leakesville is pastor. An effort is being made to contact as many as possible of our young men who are in the military training camp. Pray for these young men; and write to any of them whom you may know asking them to attend the services. Some of the Chaplains have promised their cooperation.

Freedom of speech and freedom of the press put a great responsibility on those who speak and write. We are all free to be sure, but freedom does not justify one in being an obstructionist or a destroyer. Freedom is a great boon and it may be a great peril. Freedom opens up the way to do great good, but it also opens up the way to great harm. In this country now men's minds may be confused by the press to the point of national paralysis and disintegration. This seems actually to have begun. If there is anything that America needs today it is unity. And we are faced with conditions which threaten national unity, independence and existence. United we stand, divided we fall never had more pertinent application than today. And yet men are threatening our national unity by careless speech in the name of free speech. The exhortation of James was never more needed: "So speak and so do as those who are to be judged by a law of liberty."

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The only thing in this world which has permanent value is people. Everything else will perish. All animal life passes away after a few years. All material things will perish in the final conflagration of the universe. Only man will survive. If you want to make any permanent investments you will have to make them in men, in people, in boys and girls and in grown ups.

Jesus said to those fishermen on the Lake of Galilee, "Follow me and I will make you to become fishers of men." Jesus came to save men to restore them to the favor and likeness of God. The glory of Christianity is that it lifts men's minds out of the material world and sets them to work with men. Not things but men are and ought to be the objects of our interest, attention and effort. With Jesus the world was and is composed of people. If "God so loved the world," it was a world of people and not material things. Jesus never showed any interest in things apart from their effect on men.

He set his people to the same task. "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The ministry and life of Jesus must be perpetuated through his people. Our task is with men; our energies to be used in their behalf. This is true in whatever form our service takes. It doesn't matter whether we call it missions, or education, or relief, or ministry to the poor, or the operation of hospitals or orphanages. It is all a ministry to men. Material gifts are made to this end; houses and institutions are built to this end. Dryden speaks of the making of the universe as a great oratorio and says, "The diapason ending full in man."

We must never let our eyes be blinded by material things. We must never think of our contribution as so much to maintain an organization or a machine, or an institution. We must know that our efforts and our offerings are to reach people and enable them to become what God meant for them to be. We must not be diverted from our purpose to help people. We must not be turned aside to merely making a living or to making money. It is ours to help God to make men. That is what all the universe exists for.

We are thinking now of the 200 children, more or less, in our Orphanage in Jackson. Here are the materials gathered together for making men and women. God has taken them out of homes which ceased to exist or function. He has placed them directly under our care. He has given us conditions most favorable for making men and women, under Christian influence and instruction. They are our wards, our charges. It is our privilege to make these conditions most conducive and helpful to making men and women. The responsibility is on us all. The opportunity is measureless. There is no greater, higher task in the world than making men.

Much has been done. We have begun to make provision for them. But it is an incomplete task. We have not reached the point where we can give even to the small group we have, all that is needed. But we have just begun the task of reaching the number who are in need. There are many times more who need help and are not in our Orphanage, than there are now in it. We owe it to the others, just as much as we owe it to these. Here is our opportunity.

Don't let Mother's Day end in simpering sentiment. Don't let it be simply a memory of past blessing. Don't let it be a day of glorifying even the finest human relationship. Let it furnish us an opportunity to mother the motherless. We can thus invest in people.

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To the Members of the Gatesville Baptist Church: Your pastor is sending the Baptist Record to every family in our church at Gatesville. He is expecting you to read the paper that you may be better informed about the Master's Work. We hope you receive it with as much appreciation as he has had in sending it to you. God's blessings be upon you all. May HE lead you in all of your work.—H. C. Clower.

Rev. P. E. Cullom, who went from Mississippi to be pastor at Cambria, Va. is a Reserve Chaplain in the Army and has been called to active duty at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The Religions Herald of Virginia opposes reception of the new California Convention by Southern Baptists. All the reasons given for this would have applied to receiving the convention of Southern Illinois, which came into the Southern Baptist Convention some years ago.

By March 19 there were 117 preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention commissioned as Chaplains in the Reserve Corps. Of these 50 are now in Active Service. Of the names sent us only one is given as from Mississippi. We know of several who have been appointed from Mississippi, so that the information is either not accurate, or not up to date.

The whole success of the present plan to pay off our Mississippi Baptist debts through the Now Club depends on the work of the local committee in each church, and the response they get from the membership. Unless this work is done effectively, all the adove we have had about organization and preparation, amounts to exactly nothing. At last the work depends on just such folks as you and me.

Certain columnists in Washington tell us that the officials in the Army welcome outside criticism as helpful and healthful, but that the officials of the Navy have been restive and resentful under criticism. And these columnists more than hint that the reason for such resentment on the part of the Navy is that there are some weaknesses which they do not wish exposed and are unwilling to correct. We do not know how much of truth and justice there is in this contention. But one thing we do know. That when it becomes unsafe to criticize the policies or methods of any organization, religious or political, then we are in a sorry mess and apt to get into a worse one. The freedom of speech and of the press is a symbol of democracy and a means of its preservation. No man or agency is sacrosanct; none is faultless and the assumption of infallibility is the antithesis of freedom and a sure preventive of improvement.

We had as well get that remark straight that the rulers in Jerusalem made about Peter and John when they were arrested for preaching. Indeed it does not seem to be a remark of the rulers themselves as it is what Luke himself said they thought of the apostles. They are said to have been "unlearned and ignorant men", according to our translation. But there was never a clearer or more forceful speech made in court than that made by Peter. They were unlearned only in the sense that they had not been to school to the authorized Jewish rabbis. And "ignorant" means only that they had no official standing as instructors. The word means that they were simply on their own, did it on their own initiative, and were not sponsored or sent out by the Jerusalem officials. You will recall that these same men asked Jesus by what authority he did this.

Churches as such have nothing to do with the conduct of war nor with its conclusion. They have nothing to do with the terms of peace nor settling the claims or satisfying the aspirations of the nations when war is over. They didn't in the war of 1914-18, and they won't in the present war. It is the business of the churches through their God-appointed ministry to save men, so that they will love righteousness, and to teach them what is right. In doing so they set before the world proper standards of conduct, and trust that men will be governed by reason and by the Spirit of God. The pope has the same right as any other individual to express his conviction as to what is right, no more and no less. He cannot speak with authority to the nations. If there are individuals who respect his authority that is a matter between him and them. But he must not expect rulers to do anything because he commands it. That time passed with the Reformation, and, please God, it will never come back. He had no hand in settling matters after the first world war and is not apt to have any in this.

GOING PLACES

A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager

MAGEE

It was needless to present the EVERY FAMILY plan at Magee. (They already have it.) As Pastor G. O. Parker was away in a meeting we just preached. The attendance was good and we especially liked a splendid closing Sunday school program by several young men of the Young People's department.

The front of the church was almost covered with standard Sunday school pennants and one of the back walls had about as many standard Intermediate department pennants. There were probably others that we failed to see.

Simpson County has Record readers listed as follows: BETHLEHEM 17, BRAXTON 42, PINOLA 48, D'Lo 1, Kennedy Springs 10, MAGEE 87, MENDENHALL 68, R. F. D. Mendenhall 4, Pine Grove 3, Pleasant Hill 9, Sanitorium 1, Shivers 5, STRONG RIVER 17, COUNTY LINE 8, Jupiter 18.

JUPITER—SIMPSON COUNTY

Rev. G. O. Parker is also pastor of Jupiter Church so in the absence of the pastor we had the opportunity of explaining the EVERY FAMILY plan. They evidently liked the plan for one man immediately offered to pay one third of the monthly EF bill. Not to be outdone a good woman did likewise and the church quickly voted unanimously and heartily to adopt this popular and progressive plan.

AMORY MAKES PROGRESS

The above is a revised E F list of the Record readers in Amory Baptist Church. Our work goes nicely. Last month was our best financial month in ten years. Also three baptisms and other additions from regular services. (This is the kind of reports that Every Family churches make.—A. L. G.)

John F. Measells, Pastor.

Be certain to note in the above paragraph that additions are coming and finances are up. The EVERY FAMILY plan didn't do it but it helped prepare the way.

HOW TO HELP THE SOLDIER BOYS

Each church could send the Baptist Record to any of its members who are in army camps. It will help to keep them lined up with church affairs. The worldly crowd will be bidding for them. Let's do our best to protect them.

MORE GOOD REPORTS FROM EF CHURCHES

Inverness Church: Encouraging news. Our church exceeded our goal of \$2000 for the Now Club. I believe we will give that much, even though some pledgers move away. We set \$75.00 as a goal for the Sunday school to reach in the Home and Foreign Mission offering. We have exceeded that goal too. In this mail we are sending the Orphanage Building Fund \$10.80. It seems no trouble at all to ring the cash register. It is much easier to pay than pray. (And easier to get results with the EF plan than without it. A. L. G.) Inverness is an EF church.

To prove that Preacher Gates' folks practice what he preaches, the average weekly budget offering in February was \$431.22, and the budget calls for \$325.00. The bonded indebtedness on the \$100,000.00 building is now \$5,500.00, and we intend to be entirely free of debt by October first. —Fred Scholfield. —Laurel First Church is one of our most loyal EF churches. The above article states that February offerings exceeded the adopted budget by \$106.22. EF churches just go places.

The church at Pinola has gone from one-fourth to one-half time preaching services. The ministry of Pastor Guy Little is constructive and the church grows.—Another EF church goes forward. The Record isn't a cure all but it helps.

Lumberton. Also, one thing which made me happy was to find the Record going into about one hundred homes each week. Where you find the Record, you find an informed membership. So we are here finding that to be true as always. J. F. Brantley, pastor. Here is the testimony of a pastor who has been pastor of churches without the EF plan and of a church with it.

ORPHANAGE EASTER BOXES

By Mrs. W. G. Mize

Spring is the season when, almost of necessity, time comes to give out another wardrobe. Winter things are passe, many garments out-grown, others wornout. So we say to our boys and girls "wait until Easter."

Many organizations and individuals sent lovely boxes to the children they support. We are very grateful to them for the help thus rendered. We want to say thank you also to those individuals and groups who sent money, nice (in most cases new) dresses, suits, trousers, underwear, socks, shoes, etc., to be used at the discretion of the management for 75 girls and 60 boys who had no friends but looked entirely to the Orphanage storehouse for clothing.

We are proud of our entire family and want each one to look well and happy. A sense of well being usually develops a feeling of ease instead of embarrassment.

Thanks to each of you who had a part in relieving our clothing and shoe problem.

"Clothes do not make the man," and "a book can not be judged by its cover," but they are, after all, necessary.

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"EXTRAS"

This has certainly been a beautiful spring. We could possibly live without flowers and the beauties of nature, but life is so much richer with them. We may well term their loveliness and fragrance "life's extras."

At the Orphanage there is plenty of room to grow plants and trees as well as boys and girls. The children grow better, too, when the environment is conducive.

Some of you may possess wooded lands where the dogwood and redbud grow plentifully. Whenever one can be spared please tag it for future reference and at the proper time send it to us.

Our campus is already pretty with the concrete walks and driveway. Now with proper landscaping, it will be a thing of beauty indeed.

Do your bit to make a beautiful flower garden where God's creations may grow in pleasant surroundings into fine Christian men and women.

—Mrs. W. G. Mize.

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GOING TO BIRMINGHAM?

1. Hotel reservations have been made in larger number and earlier for the coming Convention than ever before in the history of the Convention.

2. Quite naturally the cheaper rooms in the desirable hotels were taken first.

3. At this writing there have been a large number of rooms taken out of the usual Commercial Reserve, ranging from \$3-\$5 for double-bed rooms, and \$5-\$6 for double rooms with twin beds, in the better class hotels, and made available to the Convention.

4. Please remember hospitable homes of this city will be open to the people who attend the Convention, and that many of these have conveniences as good as the hotels. The price of these lodgings will be cheaper than, and in many instances the accommodations will be equal to the hotels, except that hotel service is not to be expected in private homes.

5. Let no one stay away from the Convention for fear of not finding acceptable accommodations, for the hotels and the homes will be sufficient for all.

6. Note well, all communications with reference to reservations to hotels and in homes will be cleared through the Chamber of Commerce up until May 3. After that time, all who have not made reservations by that date are requested to come direct to the Assignment Desk at the Municipal Auditorium for their assignments to homes.

Very truly yours,
Chairman Local General Committee
Southern Baptist Convention.



SUPT. W. G. MIZE



TWENTY YEARS FROM NOW—?

Nobody knows. But whatever comes, they need Christ and Christian character. The building of Christian character in young lives is the chief business of the Baptist Orphanage—a business far more vital than the practical humanitarian task of providing food, clothing, shelter. Taken together, these two obligations form a magnificent, awesome responsibility. For this reason your own Baptist Orphanage merits your understanding and support.

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LEST WE FORGET—

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and mentally we pray that we may grow spiritually daily in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Gifts from individuals outside our churches and Sunday schools have been unusually fine. Gifts from the Cooperative Program have been such as to enable us at this writing to meet all the obligations of the Orphanage. At this writing, the Orphanage does not owe anything to anybody.

Had not we received some special gifts for operating expenses and also the Building Program we would not have been able to care for additional children. It is our purpose to enlarge and expand the program so as to care for fifty more children during the coming year should we be called on to render this service. Such a program would normally require \$20,000 more than was contributed by the churches and Sunday

schools during the past year. We may get something from special sources to help with this task but we have no guarantee of it. All we can do is to lay our plans so as to receive enough on Mother's Day to care for these additional children.

We are truly grateful for the beautiful response the Baptists of Mississippi have made during the past year. We have no criticism to offer to any church or Sunday school because that is not our business. A little bit of analysis of the records, however, will reveal that we still have much to accomplish before we may pride ourselves upon our support of our boys and girls. According to our records, several hundred churches last year did not make any cash contribution to the Orphanage, not even on Mother's Day. We shall certainly refrain from any attempt to tell the Baptists of Mississippi what to do, and how and when to do it. If we may suggest however, we think it would not be asking too much for an offering to be made by all of our churches on this special occasion. We realize that this is a labor of love on your part and that we come to you, not as your masters, but as your servant. We come, however, not in our own name and not for our own good. We come in the name of Christ our Saviour and for fatherless, motherless, homeless boys and girls. May God somehow bring all of us, individually and collectively, to that frame of mind and condition of heart that will enable us to make this the greatest Mother's Day in the history of Mississippi Baptists for their little ones.

Gratefully and fraternally,
W. G. Mize, Superintendent.

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The more we talk about the Mother's Day Offering for the Baptist Orphanage, the more money will be contributed when the offering is taken.

Is it asking too much when we request that you give the proceeds of one day's work to help make life worthwhile for the children at the Baptist Orphanage. There are many who can and will give more than this amount.

Your Mother's Day Offering to the Baptist Orphanage will serve a two-fold purpose. Supply the needs of the children by providing food, clothing, religious and vocational training; and at the same time help to continue with the Building Program in the erection of new buildings that are still needed.

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Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS," I Cor. 13:8b

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"Go" Mt. 28:7; "Go" Mt. 28:29; "Go" Mk. 16:15;
"Go" Lk. 9:10.

"Give" Mt. 5:42; "Give" Mt. 10:8; "Give" Mt. 19:21; "Give" Lk. 6:38; "Give" II Cor. 9:7.

I

"For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent.

Where is the wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?

For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God." I Corinthians 1:18-24.

II

Some still believe in the providence of God in this world. This world seems to be out of hand sometimes but God rules. Don't forget that. He allows some things. He brings others about. He will win! Read Revelation, chapter eleven and chapters nineteen through twenty-two.

Some things man may not yet do, as, scaffold the skies and perfect precipitation; control time, or stop the rivers.

We build dams, but sluiceways must be provided or God's rivers will run over them.

Boulder Dam is 727 feet high, two city blocks thick at the bottom, four city blocks across at the top. Yes, enough concrete was used in its construction to build a twenty foot sidewalk from California to Florida. (What a lover's lane?) Enough materials were used, if loaded on a freight train would put the engine in Boulder City, Nevada, and the caboose in Kansas City, Missouri. Yet, they had to provide spillways for God's mighty Colorado River. It keeps flowing. And, some men laugh at God!

Our own Sardis Dam, four years in building, three miles in length, 104 feet high, a mountain of dirt, cost \$14,500,000, the fill containing 16,500,000 cubic yards of earth, the maximum lake covering 90 square miles, the minimum 14 square miles with a storage capacity of 1,000,000,000,000 (one trillion) gallons of water. They had to provide for letting God's old Tallahatchie River flow on. Else it would overflow that behemoth of soil.

Yet some men brag on themselves and minimize God Almighty. Read Psalm 2 and 14.

III

In reply to an enquiry as to what we could do with the interest money paid out on our debts, we quote the following:

"Dear Brother Skilton: With that \$30,000 a year we pay out in interest on our debts, we could put five full time Evangelists in the field, paying salary and expense in each case; we could put one good full time statewide B. S. U. secretary in the field, taking care of salary and expense; we could put a full time Chinese worker over in the Delta, and a full time Indian worker in East Mississippi, and a full time Negro worker to superintend the work over the State among the Negroes, and then have enough of the \$30,000 left to help 50 more State Mission

Pastors to preach Jesus over the State every week in the year.

"I had already figured up what we could do with the \$300,000 interest we save in total in ten years. With that \$300,000 we could put 10 full time Evangelists in the field; set up a complete statewide B. S. U. organization; add \$80,000 to pastoral aid; add \$20,000 to building aid; put on a full time worker among the Negroes; a full time worker among the Indians; a full time worker among the Chinese; increase the budget of our various State Mission departments by \$45,000; and finally, put 37 District Association missionaries in the field.

"From still another angle, we could keep a good full time man in the field working in the interest of Christian Education, paying his salary and expense from this \$30,000 interest we would be saving, and still have \$26,000 left, plus the 25% Christian Education allocation to divide between our fine denominational schools. In ten years that should run not less than \$400,000 net for endowment or current expenses."

IV



Read Malachi, chapter 3

(1) Group with produce in hands, and "God's Storehouse," Clara, Miss.

(2) Storehouse House Committee, Clara, reading left to right in picture: 1. John Cochran, (boy), 2. T. L. Martin, 3. Ed Douglas, 4. Rob. Cochran.

(3) Brother Ed Douglas bringing produce into God's Storehouse.

Pastor John I. Hill has been leading the church in worthy manner at Clara. We remember great revival days last September. They believe in honoring God with their substance also.

We are glad to present these pictures suggesting the manner of work they are doing down there.

V

Spent a week in Association revival in Tishomingo County. Some twelve or fifteen preachers helping. We expect to present program later.

Went to a church a day in all-day services and preachers "fanned" out over county at night.

Were conversions Wednesday night, but do not have a compilation yet.

Was a great victory for another county to plan that special service.

It was a great victory to see twelve or fifteen preachers come together all week in fine spirit of cooperation observing all the "rules of the game."

Victory came in conversions, consecrations, and dissemination of information about all His work. Privileged to be in an ideal Christian home—Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Montgomery, and "Miss" Celeste—at Burnsville. Dr. Montgomery is the type Christian physician the U. S. A. will miss.

Brother Goodrich did fine work in the Campaign. He preached the Gospel and didn't forget the Baptist Record.

We found Evangelist Estes, preaching the gospel, singing, giving out tracts, presenting His work, etc. How fine to have such associates in the work.

VI

Had privilege of participating in Enlistment and Stewardship week at Morgan City. Pastor Olander, Mrs. Olander and the church family happy over entering lovely new building. Good work done here.

VII

There were 2,087 at Bellevue Baptist Church S. S. and about as many at church—chairs in aisles—thrilling sight as we supplied a recent Sunday for Dr. Lee. Friendly group. Two additions. Large congregation at night—both floors. Dr. Lee is one of the great preachers of all time and pastors a truly great church.

VIII

"The Hedermans" of Jackson, First Church, take out a Now Club membership in each of the six brackets: \$1,000.00, and \$500.00 and \$250.00 and \$100.00 and \$50.00 and \$36.00—and, yet, there is more room for others.

BR

Twice as many baptisms are reported in our churches in China in the past three disturbed years as in any other three year period.

You are living and enjoying the pleasures of life. Your fellowman has passed to the Great Beyond, leaving his children behind. What is your duty to these little ones? Remember them by making a liberal offering to the Baptist Orphanage on Mother's Day.

If The Baptist Record makes a mistake, everybody sees it. If it makes a correction—that is different. Some time ago the Record received a clipping from a secular paper about Sabbath observance from a brother who answered it satisfactorily. Both articles were passed to the printer at the same time. The answer was published one week and the clipping the next. We are sorry. Indeed we questioned the wisdom of publishing the clipping at all, as it had neither rime, rhythm, reason nor religion in it. But it was published that the brother who sent it might answer it. The clipping was read, but some seem not to have seen the answer. This explanation has been made before but it too seems to have been overlooked. We don't know whether anybody will see this one or not.

Let's be careful and be sure that when we talk about organizing industry for defense, whether it be in Mississippi or in Massachusetts, we are not just organizing to get all we can out of the defense program, rather than organizing to help the government in its defense program. That holds for the beef business, the lumber business and for every other business. It does not seem a good example of patriotism for the packing houses to charge the government 33 cents for a can of beef which can be bought from Argentina for nineteen cents. And when the steel companies begin to hike the prices as soon as congress votes to build ships or machines or bridges it looks like patriotism for so much per pound. Human nature is a pitiful entity. If prices soar every time Uncle Sam buys a loaf of bread, then there is something rotten this side of Denmark. No wonder Paul said, "I have no confidence in the flesh." If the flesh is weak in a national crisis, if it has eaten into patriotism like a drove of termites, it must be difficult to rely on it anywhere. Now don't talk about somebody being a grouch; just face the facts and ask the Lord in mercy to help us to clean up.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

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(Continued from last week)

That monthly conference with her counselors is of vital importance to the local Young People's Director and let us say again the best in leadership in our groups should be chosen as 3rd Vice-President. Let us emphasize the importance of this office and officer and provide in the local budget for the necessary expense. We should encourage our young people to score 100% in attendance in their meetings, provide good meeting places as well as trained counselors, give them wholesome entertainment, and see that they have their magazine. "World Comrades" and "The Window of Y. W. A." are most attractive in appearance and content. We as adult members of our organization need these helpful monthly missionary messengers and certainly every home with boys and girls in it should have this regular visit. The dollar is not too much to pay for the benefits and results of such reading. In the April issue of "World Comrades" we find this verse: "Here's a hand to the boy who has courage, to do what he knows to be right. When he falls in the way of temptation, he has a hard battle to fight", it closes with this admonition to the lad "Stand firm by the colors of manhood, in waging the warfare of life, and God who knows who are heroes, will give you strength for the strife". These magazines are brimful of interesting stories, fine missionary information attractively presented, good programs, we need to utilize the benefits and blessings. More and more we are convinced that the proper use of our splendid literature is a most helpful way to advance and promote our missionary organizations. In this message we are quoting freely and frequently from our magazines and periodicals purposely to emphasize their value and helpfulness. In "The Window of Y. W. A." the April number, on Page 12 is a copy and presentation of the famous St. Francis prayer that would be good for each and all of us to read carefully and certainly it is good for every young woman of Y. W. A.

In the service to which we are committed for teaching and training our young people along missionary lines we need to do our best and as we help them "pitch their tents toward the sunrise" we are laborers together with God that His way may be known upon earth, his salvation among all nations.

The important part of our missionary program that we call Study is always challenging. Again we refer to our magazines and insist that we emphasize their importance in the work we are trying to do. We will all agree that a woman cannot be as good member of her missionary society who doesn't subscribe to and read systematically and consistently "Royal Service" month by month. Every copy these significant days could well be filed. Our Program Writer we believe, is divinely led in the presentation and discussion of the material month by month. We cannot afford to deprive ourselves of the information and encouragement this reading brings. Again your president is asking that we take as a definite objective an increase in subscriptions. We are asking every Society President to cooperate with the Periodicals Chairman in her society and stress this point. Let us keep in mind the Mississippi figure 5523 sent in during 1940 and let each of us say we shall help increase that figure for 1941. In our meetings emphasize the necessity of every member a subscriber and every subscriber a reader.

In the consideration of our literature we would draw a red line under the value of our State paper. Through this medium we are enabled to

keep abreast of the current events according to Baptist life and the splendid editorials of Dr. Lipsey week by week cannot be evaluated. We could well use material from this periodical in our meetings from time to time and profit by such practice.

"The day is at hand" for us to refresh and renew our courage. Emerson has said "whatever you do you need courage, peace has its victories but it takes brave men to win them". In the March issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions Dr. Lawrence says "Christianity is facing one of the fiercest conflicts in all its history. Christians must gird themselves for the greatest struggle for the maintenance and propagation of their faith in the world since early Roman persecution. The preparation we need is spiritual. This spiritual preparation must be individual and personal. Each of us must ask himself Am I prepared?" "The night is far spent, the day is at hand" will be see it and act in the light of it?

In the Editorial section of The Commission (the December issue) did you read carefully "Christianity at the Cross Roads" and "We are World Citizens"? Did it not give you pause? We do well these days to keep in touch with World events by way of our up-to-date missionary periodicals. Dr. Sampey reminds us that "we are in the current crisis of change and challenge and we must have the courage and consecration which the spirit of God can use for the message of Christ in this day of doom and destiny for the world," and as Prime Minister Churchill said of the Royal Air Force "never did so much depend on so few".

"The night is far spent, the day is at hand"—for Debt-Payment by our Baptist people. The slogan "a debtless denomination by 1945" originated with Dr. J. E. Dillard, S. B. C. Director of Promotion. Woman's Missionary Union eager to make use of it (and help make it a fact) asked permission to use it and such permission was gladly given. We like the way it sounds—"a debtless denomination"—we like its meaning. Quoting from Royal Service, "Debts create doubts. Debts neglected dim the vision and dull the conscience. Debts unpaid discourage faith. Debts repudiated dishonor God".

Alliteratives have been called into play when debt discussion is before us. We would use with emphasis the following as we plead earnestly for "all out" for debt-payment. That we encourage within us the deep desire for debt dissolution. That we foster a definite distrust for delay in debt payment. That we use dauntless determination to develop within ourselves and others debt-consciousness and covenant together "this one thing we do" until the task is finished. How we wish we had at our command the words that would be helpful in putting proper emphasis on the importance of each and every one of us getting into this effort to rub out our debts. We could do it, we have the numerical strength, we have the financial strength in our ranks, we need the disposition and determination. We need to pray about this matter daily, definitely, devotedly. We need to talk about it constantly, continually, consistently, make it our "theme song"! We need to encourage our members to put their best into it. Put it on every program, give it an important place and a worthy presentation. Clip from our literature, papers, magazines the facts and figures. Pass the facts and figures on to others. Propaganda and publicity have great power these days in all avenues of life, let us capitalize on it to extend Kingdom interests. We agree with Mrs. Creasman that "Those who pay, pray faith-

fully and effectually. Those who tithe, thrive materially and spiritually. Those who give, live abundantly and happily". Let us pray and pay and give until our debts are paid.

"The direct foe of courage is fear itself" to quote again from Emerson, and Spurgeon has added "it should be no ambition of ours to traverse a path without a thorn or stone". The surest way of Christian advance is by "knee power". Prayer is our dependence, our mission work roots and fruits in prayer. In the January issue of The Commission Mrs. Cox writes on "Intercessory Prayer and Missions". She reminds us that prayer is divine in its origin, progressive in its tendency and triumphant and eternal in its course. "Prayer is the fundamental means by which the gospel message is spread. God is the Author of Missions and our authority for prayer. The word of God is our inspiration for prayer and our manual of intercession. This day of untold agony for mankind is a call to prayer. When God's people truly learn the power of prayer in missions they will cease to ask for petty things and claim the world for Christ".

From our vantage point as we look back over the year we rejoice in the advance made in our organized prayer life. It is heartening indeed to note the increase in the number of societies observing the Prayer Seasons and the increase in the offerings. We would continue to emphasize the value of every member in every group having a part in these prayer weeks.

The development of the prayer life of her members is one of the chief objectives of Woman's Missionary Union. The prayer plans followed faithfully and devotedly will strengthen the courage we are discussing in this meeting. The answer to this call to courage is based primarily on prayer.

We would close this message with a true story of courage unexcelled. This story is taken from Religious History. Polycarp one of the apostolic fathers and a Christian martyr was pastor of the church at Smyrna for 80 years. During the persecution a general outcry was made for the blood of Polycarp. He withdrew and concealed himself in a neighboring village. When the mob failed to find him they began to torture his church members to make them reveal his place of hiding. Learning this Polycarp gave himself up to his enemies. He asked for an hour for prayer, he was then led to the place of execution. They demanded that he blaspheme Christ but to no avail. He said "eighty-six years have I served him during all which time he never did me injury, how then can I blaspheme my King and my Savior"? When further urged his answer was "I am a Christian". When threatened with wild beasts he said "bring them forth". When threatened with fire he reminded them of the eternal fire that awaited the ungodly. His last address to God had more of praise than of prayer. He expired at the stake.

Yes "courage is the standing army of the soul that keeps it from conquest, pillage and slavery". God is still saying to those who would serve him "Be strong and of good cheer for I the Lord thy God am with thee".

The night is far spent, the day is at hand, let us therefore cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light".

—BR—

Preceding the sessions of the Northern Baptist Convention in Wichita, Kansas, there will be held a Fundamentalist Pre-convention Conference (five sessions) in which "Revival" will be the one theme under discussion, May 18-19.

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Dr. O. P. Estes, Pastor First
Baptist Church, Picayune, Miss.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH PICAYUNE, MISS.

The First Church, Picayune was
organized 1903, with 13 charter
members. Rev. W. I. Williams was
the first pastor and still lives near
Picayune. He is active and inter-
ested yet, though not a pastor now.

The first revival resulted in 50
additions, 30 of them by baptism.
Other pastors have been, W. S. Allen,
J. B. Quinn, N. A. Edmonds, R. Q.
Leavell, B. Lock Davis, J. T. Mc-
Laurin, R. K. Corder and the pres-
ent pastor, who is serving the sec-
ond time as pastor. The church
reported 792 members to the last
associational meeting.

The present building, with three
stories, was erected in 1925 and has
recently been retouched with paint
and other improvements inside. A
neon sign is our next expectancy.
Such farseeing and generous men
and members, as Col. L. O. Crosby,
the late E. F. Tate, banker, and
Judge L. L. Tyler, were, and are
bulwarks of strength, financially,
and in sane leadership.

Some of our present leaders and
heads of departments, are: S. S., T.
Stokes, Supt. W. M. U.; Mrs. L. L.
Tyler, President; B. T. U., Ernest
Mae Stuart, Director; Brotherhood,
B. F. Smith, President; Finance

Organization meetings for
the debt-paying movement will
be held this week and next in
fifteen associations. Church
Chairman, Church Chairwom-
en, and pastors will attend the
meetings for their associations.
The schedule of meetings fol-
lows:

Choctaw County, April 24,
Ackerman, 10 a. m., H. L.
Rhodes, Ackerman, presiding;
Attala County, April 24, Kos-
ciusko, 2:30 p. m., H. C. Hemp-
hill, Kosciusko, presiding;
Winston County, April 25,
Louisville, 10 a. m., E. E. Rey-
nolds, Louisville, presiding;

Committee, B. Whitfield, chairman;
Deacons, J. R. Stuart, chairman;
Ushers, Ott Stevenson, chairman;
the music, Miss Janett Chrestman,
and Miss Voncile Stuart; church
clerk, Curtis Albritton; Financial
secretary, J. B. Calvin; Treasurer,
John E. Baker.

These together with their asso-
ciates, too many to name in a brief
article, have and are faithfully meet-
ing the challenge of a changing
world.

The church has felt the imprint
of all the fine pastors who have
come this way and served nobly and
effectively here, to step out and up
to an even greater ministry. Some
body said recently, that one of the
former pastors was doing the great-
est evangelistic work of any man
in the world today.

Rev. R. K. Corder, I think, served
longer than any other pastor. The
church and the present pastor would
acknowledge to him and the other
pastors a deep sense of gratitude for
every contribution made and the
evident proportions of growth.

April will start the church with
the EVERY FAMILY Plan of the
Baptist Record. Surely this will be
a step forward, that should extend
the ministry of the church in every
direction it looks and serves with
kingdom responsibility. The church
takes pride in those who have en-
tered the ministry from its fellow-
ship. I remember the following, Rev.
Lanier, Charles Hamlett, III, Dr. W.
C. Tyler, and J. L. Moran.

The church owes something to
most all the churches in Pearl River
county, for some of their members,
but especially for the fine spirit of
cooperation by pastors and people.
I should like to name every one of
them.

Pastor Estes.

(We still don't know just how
Pastor Estes led his people to adopt
the popular and progressive EVERY
FAMILY plan. But we are glad he
did it. The addition of this church
put our circulation over the 21,000
mark. We thank Dr. Estes for the
above article which we requested
of him.—A. L. G.)

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST NOW CLUB

FRANK E. SKILTON, General Chairman

A Program of Perseverance

Kemper County, April 26, De-
Kalb, 10 a. m., Prof. Chas. E.
Crawford, Scooba, presiding;
Lauderdale County, April 26,
Meridian, 2:30 p. m., W. B.
Lowry, Meridian, presiding;
Neshoba County, April 29,
Philadelphia, 2:30 p. m., T. A.
Webb, Philadelphia, presiding;
Leake County, April 29, Carth-
age, 10 a. m., M. M. Keith,
Carthage, presiding.

Scott County, April 30, For-
est, 10 a. m., Jeff Kent, Forest,
presiding; Smith County, April
30, Raleigh, 2:30 p. m., J. R.
Lawson, Raleigh, presiding;
Jasper County, May 1, Louin,

10 a. m., J. E. Sansing, String-
er, presiding; Newton County,
May 1, Newton, 2:30 p. m., J.
L. Lewis, Union, presiding;
Clarke County, May 2, Quit-
man, 10 a. m., Rev. N. A. Ed-
monds, Shubuta, presiding;
Wayne County, May 2, Way-
nesboro, 2:30 p. m., N. L. Shoe-
maker, Waynesboro, presiding;
Jones County, May 3, Laurel,
10 a. m.; Covington County,
May 3, Collins, 2:30 p. m., Rev.
J. E. Cranford, Seminary, pre-
siding.

*Pastors, Church Chairmen,
and Church Chairwomen, be
sure to attend your Now Club
Association meeting.*

D A W N

Good morning God, I saw your smile
In the Rose-tinted dawn today,
I heard your voice in the singing
bird
As he winged his joyous way.

I saw your jewels of diamond dew
Gleaming on the lawn;
No earthly hand could shape like
you
These diamonds of the dawn.

I saw your art in the pansy blooms
Shyly peeping through
A silvery veil of morning mist,
Their faces kissed with dew.

I felt your breath in the morning air
That gently swayed the rose,
And knew you were everywhere
That mother nature goes.

I felt your hand upon my arm
To guide me through the day,
To shield me from temptation's
harm,
To teach me how to pray.

Good night God, I kneel me down
Beside my quiet bed,
Forgive me now, and hear my vow,
By you I shall be led.

"Now I lay me down to sleep,"
(I am a child once more),
"I pray the Lord my soul to keep;"
May we meet to part no more.
Easter 1941 J. W. Tucker.

To Baptist Churches in Lawrence
County:

An evangelistic committee was
appointed at the last meeting of
our association with some instruc-
tions. This committee has had one
meeting and discussed some plans
for our work. We will have another
meeting soon. As chairman of this

committee I am asking each church
in the association to have at least
one evangelistic service the fifth
Sunday in June. This will be a
good forerunner for our summer
revivals. I will thank each pastor
in the association to cooperate with
us in this work. I wish some one
in each church would write me as
soon as your church decides to have
this service.

B. E. Phillips,
New Hebron, Miss.

S. S. AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE	
Jackson, First Church	1176 224
Jackson, Parkway Church	504
West Laurel	558 194
Cross Roads,	
Webster Co.)	65
Double Springs,	
(Webster Co.)	67
Bethlehem-Jones	130
Vicksburg, First	550 148
Eden	46 27
Crystal Springs	374 140
Calvary, Greenwood	191 56

Help that little child whom moth-
er loved better than she loved her
own life which she gave for him.

You can best show your love for
your mother by helping the needy
children who have been left to face
life without a mother's love or a
mother's care. Honor her by send-
ing an offering to the Baptist Or-
phanage on Mother's Day.

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Sunday School Lesson

BRACEY CAMPBELL

Lesson for April 27

ORGANIZATION FOR ADMINISTRATION

Bible Text: Acts 4:32-7:60

Introduction. There is too much scripture here for one Sunday school lesson. The utmost that we can do is sketch it in very brief fashion and rest in the hope that those who love the book will pay little attention to what is said in these notes and correspondingly a great deal more to what stands written in the Bible. Read all of chapter 4.

I. Persecution.

The fourth chapter begins with an account of the first persecution. Peter and John had healed a lame man at the beautiful gate of the temple, and in consequence, had got a chance to preach Jesus to the multitudes who thronged the vicinity of the temple. Note that the preaching of Peter and John was simply the telling the story of Jesus to the people. But to tell the story of Jesus to that people necessitated their telling the part the leaders of the Jews had taken in his crucifixion. These leaders were spoken of as having committed an outrageous murder upon the person of the Christ of God and King of Israel. So the rulers had these men arrested and kept in prison during the night and bringing them before a gathering of these dignitaries and examined them as to how the lame man had been healed. Read Peter's defense in Vv. 8-12. Peter looked straight at those leaders and spoke plainly to them.

Having first sent Peter and John from the presence of the company, the leaders took counsel as to the means of best stopping the mouths of these disciples of Christ. When they had decided upon their course, they brought Peter and John again before them, and commanded them to teach no more or speak in the name of Jesus, and with threats the leaders finally let the two men go.

Look now at the result. The two apostles went to the meeting place of their brethren and recited all that had occurred to them at the hands of the Jewish rulers. And when their brethren heard the account, they lifted up their voices and prayed to God that He would grant them the courage and the chance to speak the word with boldness, and that He would help them by healing the sick and otherwise bearing witness with them. And the evidence of God's approval upon them came in the quaking walls of the house wherein they were gathered, and in their being filled with the Spirit of the Living God, so that they spoke the word of God with boldness.

The effect of this persecution was the enlargement and rejoicing of the church. Look at the verses 32-35. In the following two verses an example is given of the attitude which all the brotherhood, practically, had assumed.

Now read 5:1-11. Here is a sad interruption to the story of triumph. A man and his wife agreed to take credit before the brethren for more than they had done for the church. So these two lied, both of them, and God stamped His disapproval upon their conduct in such a way as to inform all future ages of God's opinion of a liar. He does not strike every liar dead, but it is very easy, by reading this account, to tell what God thinks of one of them. When this signal evidence of God's disapproval of lying pretense had been recorded in the hearts of the company, fear fell upon all of them, they realizing that this matter of exalting Jesus as Lord had very serious implications. So they were zealous and earnest in their service, in consequence of which the church grew exceedingly.

A second persecution broke when the extent to which the followers of Christ were going began seriously to affect the leadership of the rulers of the Jews. So the apostles, we are not told which ones, were put into prison for the night against the morning when the council of the leaders could be convened. Read the whole account. They were set before the council, and they were reminded that they had been told to keep silent and not to speak or teach in the name of Jesus, but that they had not obeyed, and that the teaching they were giving was likely to give someone the impression that these leaders were guilty of the blood of Jesus. But Gamaliel, the compromiser advised the council in the absence of the apostles to let the men alone. If what they were doing was of man, it would blow over, if what they were doing was of God, these leading men had better withhold their hands lest they find themselves in conflict with God. Then the apostles were called again before the council, were beaten and charged not to open their mouths in testimony to Jesus again. And the apostles rejoiced that they were accounted worthy to suffer for His name, and they so gave their testimony that they were happy in their work.

II. Organization.

Read Acts 6:1-6. Here we have the makings of a church row. All the ingredients necessary to a first-class fuss were here present. The church could very easily have been divided into a majority and a minority party, the minority making the claim that the majority had wronged them. So the church might have been divided and its energies dissipated.

Note how promptly and after what manner the apostles acted. They threw responsibility upon the church. "Look you out from among you." The apostles merely recommended the course of action. They did not impose it upon the brethren. The men were to be called out from among the members of the body. The purpose of the choice of these seven men was that the apostles might be relieved of the necessity of looking after the materialities of the church. The apostles desired to be left to the principal, and really the only proper work of the preacher. So the whole body of the disciples were requested: (1) Make the choice

of the men to administer the benevolences of church, (2) To choose men from among themselves who were to (a) be men of good report (I take this to mean, of good reputation), (b) Be men full of the spirit of wisdom. And the disciples, the members, the laymen of the congregation, chose the seven men from among themselves, and set them before the apostles, who laid their hands upon the seven and prayed for them. And this pleased the Lord, because they had found His will.

III. The First Martyr. Acts 8:8-7:8:1.

The Arrest. Acts 6:8-15.

The deacon was full of grace and power, and was employing his gifts in good works among the people.

His critics were angry because Stephen was doing good. So they joined issue in argument with him, but were unable to withstand the wisdom and spirit with which he spoke. Now, when you can't meet the argument of an opponent, the next thing is to get mad, and then lie on the other fellow.

So his enemies had Stephen arrested and brought before the council. Then they suborned (hired) men to swear a pack of lies against Stephen.

The Defense. Acts 7:2-53.

Stephen's speech herein recorded is one of the great discourses of all the Bible. He shows in it God's dealings with the Hebrew people, and the constant rebellion of the people against the purpose for them of God. He closes with the declaration that they have always been rebels, and have just now added to their other acts this also, that they have murdered the Lord of Life.

IV. The Execution. Acts 7:54-8:1.

His enemies rushed upon Stephen to kill him, but he looked up into heaven and saw the door of heaven open, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. So his enemies cried out that he was a blasphemer, hustled him outside the gate of the city and stoned him. And they who hurled the stones laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul, afterwards to become Paul the Apostle.

This was a scene from which Saul never afterwards got away. He tried to forget it, tried to drown the memory of it on the blood of other Christians whom he did to death, tried to still the voice of his conscience, telling him that he had witnessed the death of a servant of God, but he was never able.

HARMONY W. M. U. (Pearl River County)

The women of Harmony Baptist Church held their first regular meeting Monday night, April 14, in the home of Mrs. L. O. Pigott. There were eighteen of the twenty members present. Mrs. O. D. Ashworth gave a most interesting talk on "The W. M. U. Convention." It was planned that the women meet in individual homes for a time on Monday night after the second and fourth Sundays. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Clarence Penton on Monday night, April 28.

Marie Mitchell, Reporter

HAPPY IN TEXAS

Many Record readers will read with interest this letter from Dr. J. W. Middleton who recently went from Clinton to be pastor of the great church in San Angelo.—Ed.

We had a glorious day our first Sunday here. The church staff had been building for a special day on Easter Sunday to greet the new pastor, and it was a marvelous success. There were 1,363 in Sunday school and 533 in Training Union. I was greatly delighted with the response on the part of all present. I am confident that we are going to be happy here. It seems there is a splendid opportunity for growth and development, and the whole church appears to be enthusiastic about going forward.

I greatly miss all of my dear friends there, and especially you and Mrs. Lipsey. I do not know anybody anywhere to whom I feel closer than I do to you, and I want you to know that that goes for all the future, even though we are so far apart. I am even now looking forward to seeing you at the Convention at Birmingham. I hope we shall be able to have you here in some sort of Bible conference in the not far distant future. We miss you and love you all with our whole hearts.

Your devoted friend,
James W. Middleton

MRS. B. P. PRITCHARD

With sadness, we announce the death on March 19th of our friend and co-worker, Mrs. B. P. Pritchard.

In her passing the W. M. U. of Charleston Baptist Church has lost a faithful member, one whose useful and full life endeared her to us all.

We shall miss her and the loving service she has rendered in His name.

She loved her family devotedly. There was never a stronger mother-heart or one more faithful to her heavenly Father.

To her bereaved family, we express our deepest sympathy, and point them to the promises of God, who comforts all who come to Him for peace.

—Committee of W. M. U.
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Sunday School Department

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Yet More!

Every week it's standards, and are we glad! Never in our history have we had so many standards coming as are this year.

The standard presents a great, worthy, challenging program for the class, department, and school. Adopt it as your program of work, and then set out to reach every point, and much good will result.

Since last week the school at Union has become standard. This is a yearly habit with them, and we are glad to welcome them on in 1941. Rev. L. B. Cobb is the pastor, and Mr. J. L. Lewis is the superin- tendent.

Classes, Too!

Mrs. E. E. Parker, superintendent of the Junior department, Griffith Memorial Church, Jackson, sends in eight applications for standard classes for the quarter ending March 31, 1941.

They are: Character Builders, Mrs. J. H. Verdell, teacher; Six Pointers, Mrs. B. F. Mims, teacher; Willing Workers, Mrs. J. M. Joff- rion, teacher; Church Goers, Wm. F. Owen, Jr., teacher; Bible Read- ers, W. L. Watts, teacher; Bible Learners, B. C. Palmer, teacher; Doers of the Word, Mrs. Howard Jones, teacher; Up Streamers, C. E. Hawkins, teacher.

Griffith Memorial workers are regular subscribers to the Element- ary Guide. Every Elementary sup- erintendent should get it; only 15c per quarter.

Two Adult classes have become standard recently, as follows: Gold- en Circle, Griffith Memorial, Jack- son, Mrs. W. E. Palmer, teacher; Faithful Workers, Pascagoula, Mrs. C. W. Martin, teacher.

And Departments!

The Primary department, Park- way Church, Jackson, has become standard. Mrs. E. S. White is the superintendent.

The Beginner Department, First Church, Grenada, Mrs. A. N. Ray- burn, superintendent, has joined the standard ranks.

Morton

The Busy Bees, Junior class, Mor- ton, Mrs. Percy Gordy, teacher, is another fine class to send in appli- cation for standard award.

To one and all of these fine units and their workers we say, "Thank you" for this noble work, and wish you the best in your great efforts in kingdom building.

Bulletins

Do you get these, associational workers? You should, and you may. Here they are, and they are all free and very helpful in your work.

"Monthly Bulletin," sent free to all associational Sunday school superintendents and to other special workers, upon request.

"Pace Maker," sent free to all Young People's, Adult, and Exten- sion department associational work- ers.—Monthly.

"Intermediate News," sent free

to all Intermediate associational workers.—Quarterly.

"Associational Frontier," sent free to all Cradle Roll, Beginner, Pri- mary, and Junior associational workers.—Quarterly.

Leaflets

"The Why and How of Associa- tional Sunday School Work," and "Associational Sunday School Offi- cers and Their Work" should be studied by all associational Sunday school workers. Leaflets for the as- sociational officers of each age group are also available.

Write us if you need any of these.

CLARKE COLLEGE MARCHES ON

I was told last August of the many trials, hardships and obstacles that would confront me as president of Clarke Memorial College and that before long I would become dis- couraged and dis heartened. I have waited until now to give expression to my thoughts because I wanted to be sure that my happiness in be- ing here was not something that would pass on in a month or two. The longer I remain here the more completely sold I am on Clarke College and the things the college stands for and the things it is try- ing to do.

Someone has said that the day for church supported Christian colleges is gone. My answer to that is, the world stands in need of trained, con- secrated, Christian leaders today more than any other time in history. We have only to look about us and see the vast amount of training giv- en to every other profession and realize that God's people must keep in step or else be left behind. This nation, and I love it above all na- tions, has tried every conceivable plan to eliminate its troubles by man-made ideas and desires, but it seems to me that we are only get- ting deeper into the mire which will lead to participation in the de- structive forces that are operating today. For the sake of America, and the sake of Democracy, and above all for the sake of Christ, we must turn wholeheartedly to God who can and who will heal and restore peace and good-will on earth and to man- kind. Do we not have the same God today that we have had always and do we not need this same God today more than we have ever needed Him? Surely God has not turned his back on us but we have turned our back on Him. As long as we neg- lect Him and His work, just that long we cannot expect things to be much better.

At Clarke it is our aim and de- sire to teach Christ and at the same time hold up our standard of aca- demic work. Throughout Mississi- pi there are Clarke graduates who have become Christian leaders and preachers who have given their lives in consecrated service to the Mas- ter. The academic work here stands the test as is attested by the peo- ple who have gone to institutions of higher learning and made good. God has given Clarke Memorial College a place to fill in His King- dom's work and we are striving to carry out his plans. If people as a whole could only know the school as we who are here know it, we would not be able to take care of



REV. A. B. JONES, Pastor
TATE ST. CHURCH, CORINTH
One Year At Tate St. Church

On the first Sunday in March 1940, we came to Tate Street Bap- tist Church as pastor. We found a struggling little band of about 35 or forty members.

This thought came to me, "With Him all things are possible," and on this hope we put our trust, and the Lord has blessed our effort in a great way.

We started to work, my good wife and I, to visit and ask people to come to church, and since that time, we have made over 600 calls. We went on for two months before there seemed to be any change, and then we had two additions, a young man and wife, who are both now Sunday school teachers, and then the church took on life.

Last Sunday being our first an- niversary we had 151 in Sunday school and a large congregation for the church hour. During this time we have received into our fellow- ship 52 members.

On our first anniversary it was our pleasure to bury with Him in baptism, two beautiful girls, one a lady of mature age. We know there is a God in heaven, because He is sending His blessings down upon us.

In early fall of 1940 we began to discuss a heating plant. Some one said it would take money to get a furnace, and that was one thing we did not have, but we went to work, dug a basement, bought a furnace,

the overflow of students. We have had a successful year and much in- terest has been manifested. Through- out this session we have enjoyed a wonderful Christian atmosphere. Each day has brought untold bless- ings for students and teachers, for Christ has been our invited guest day by day.

The outlook for next year is bright. Repairs on the buildings will increase the attractiveness of our campus and we are anticipating at least 125 students.

I want to express my gratitude to Mississippi Baptists who are in- terested in Christian education and to those who have been instru- mental in helping make Clarke Memorial College a good place to live on.

Freeman E. May, President.

the question was how were we to pay for it?

The good women of the church went to work at anything that they could to raise money. Every one donated freely, and by the time the furnace arrived, we had the money to pay for it.

We thought that we would have to borrow one hundred and forty dol- lars, and had made arrangements for the loan. But one night at the service, a good God-fearing woman put into my hands an envelope that contained one hundred and forty- nine dollars, which she and her good husband had given with a letter stating that it was to go on the furnace, so we would not have any debt on us. And you say, "Does God answer prayer?" And during this time we installed a water heater for the baptistry. We also under- pinned the pastorium with brick. All this at the cost of \$958.47, be- side the pastor's salary, and it is all paid. Baptists can do anything they want to do.

Last Sunday morning the church gave a nice pounding of good things to go on the pastor's table; all of which was very much appreciated. We started on our new year's work with a nice raise in salary.

A. B. Jones, Pastor

Asked the meaning of the term, "dressed lumber," a western Kansas editor replied, "Charley McCarthy."

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

(Address all communications to Mrs. Frances Steele, Magee, Miss.)

My dear Children:

Now that the schools of so many of you are closing, I hope you will use some of that extra time to write to the Children's Circle. Tell us some of the interesting things that you are doing. What are you reading? Vacation is such a fine time to do some really worth while reading.

Speaking of vacation, sometimes it is a temptation to waste these long sunny days, and then wonder afterward where they went. Just as a precaution against this happening, it might be a good thing to plan ahead what we are going to do with them. Each day ought to have something useful, helpful, worth while in it. Then when night comes and we look back over the day to check up, we won't be disappointed and we won't have to call that day wasted. Way back in my memory there is a "lost ad" placed there by Miss Margaret Lackey when she was my teacher. She could quote it accurately now, but it went something like this: "Lost: Somewhere between sunrise and sunset, twelve golden hours, each set with sixty shining minutes. No reward offered, for they are gone forever and can never be returned." And in an old scrap book I find this sentence, "Count that day lost whose low descending sun Views from thy hand no worthy action done."

Let's be very alert and not let any of these shining minutes "slip useless away."

With love

Mrs. Frances Steele.

BIBLE STUDY

Repentance: John's Message. Read Luke 3:3-17.

Bring forth therefore fruits worth of repentance. Luke 3:8.

John the Baptist was the son of Zacharias, a priest at the great temple at Jerusalem, and Elizabeth, a devout woman. Before his birth, God told Zacharias that his son would be filled with the Holy Spirit and that he would teach people to repent of their sins and would prepare their hearts to receive their Lord.

When the time came for John the Baptist to begin his public ministry, he began to preach and the heart of his message was, "Repent of your sins. God's Son is coming soon." Crowds of people came to the wilderness to hear and see this rough looking man, who was dressed in camel's hair, with a leather girdle around his waist, and who ate locust and wild honey. They knew God had promised to send His Son to found a new kingdom and they all wanted to be in it.

When John saw some of those who came asking to be baptized, he knew they did not know what it meant to repent. "You think because you belong to the race Abraham founded and obey all your Jewish laws that you are good," thundered John. "You only pretend to be righteous. In your hearts you still are sinful. You must bring forth fruits worthy of repentance."

Still some of the people did not understand. "How can we show a repentant spirit?" they asked.

"Be generous and share with others"; said John, "if you have two coats, give one away to some one who has none. Share your food with those who are hungry."

There were some publicans in the crowd listening to John. "Master, what shall we do?" John knew that their most sinful practise was cheating the people when they collected the Roman taxes. "Ask no more than the law requires," said John

to these publicans. To some soldiers, John said, "Never accuse any person unjustly. Avoid all acts of violence. Be satisfied with the wages you receive."

John wanted everyone to understand that selfishness, unkindness, unfairness, greediness, and dishonestly come from a sinful heart. Not only did repentance mean feeling sorry for sinful lives, and asking God for forgiveness, but it also meant turning from sin and toward God. He knew, too, that no one could change without the help of God, for he said, "I am simply preparing you for the One who is to come. He is much greater than I. He will give you the gift of the Holy Spirit, the power to live a new life."

Guess My Name

1. I am the son of Manoaah.
2. I slew more people at my death than I slew during my life.
3. Delilah caused me to lose my strength by having a man shave off the seven locks of my head.
4. I made a feast and promised to give thirty sheets and thirty changes of raiment to the one who could answer my riddle.

Guess my name.

1. I am the daughter of Laban.
2. When I learned that Jacob was the son of my father's sister, I ran and told my father.
3. Jacob served my father fourteen years that I might be his wife.
4. My two sons were my husband's favorite children.

Guess my name.

Wanilla, Miss., April 12, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is my first time to write to the Children's Circle. I am nine years old. Who has my birthday? It is February 29, 1932. I lived in the orphanage all my life until last August. My sister is still in the home. I go to Sunday School every Sunday. We have the best B. T. U. in our county. I enjoy it very much.

I am answering Thelma Dee's question. The answer is found in Ezekiel the thirty seventh chapter. Mother helped me. I'll write again sometime.

Your little friend,

Cletus Walker.

Cletus, I know of one other person whose birthday is the twenty ninth of February. It makes your birthdays mighty for apart, doesn't it? It was perfectly all right for your mother to help you answer Thelma's question. That is one of the things that mothers are for. Do write again. —F. L. S.

Plantersville, Miss., April 14, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a girl ten years old in the fourth grade. My Sunday School teacher is Mrs. Janet Posey. I like her very much. She lets us teach the lesson. Our pastor is Mr. Kerker. He is a good pastor. My great uncle, E. D. Estis, is holding a meeting about three miles from my home. I hope I can go to hear him. I love him very dearly. I am enclosing ten cents for the orphanage. The book of Ezekiel tells about the valley of dry bones becoming living people.

Love

Nina Moore.

You are right, Nina, you will find the passage which Thelma mentioned in the thirty seventh chapter of Ezekiel. Thank you for this donation for the orphanage. It helps. —F. L. S.

Pittsboro, Miss., April 14, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

This is our first time to write to the circle, but we don't intend for it to be our last time. We en-

joy the Children's Circle very much. Some member of our family reads a chapter from the Bible every night and we have family prayer. We never work too hard or too late to do that. We go to Sunday School every Sunday that we can. We do enjoy going to church. Bro. Floyd Brasher is our pastor. We love him lots.

Our school will be out this week and we will miss our teachers while they are gone for the summer. We love them very much. I (Edward) am studying the seventh grade this session and am twelve years old. I (Gwin) am studying the sixth grade and am eleven years old. We think we will be promoted to the seventh and eighth grades. You will find a dime enclosed for the orphans.

We all need to study Psalm 119: 33.

Love,

Edward and Gwin Hopson.

We are indeed glad to find the dime which you enclose. Edward and Gwin. Thank you. I'm hoping that all our circle readers will look up the verse to which you refer, and wondering who will be the first to quote it for us. We can find many more excellent verses in that same psalm. Come again. —F. L. S.

Columbia, Miss., R. 1, April 14, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am a little boy four years old. I can't write, so Mother is writing for me. I can hardly wait until my mother reads all the Children's Circle to me. I go to church and Sunday School every Sunday I can. Our church is Bunker Hill Baptist Church.

My Sunday School teacher is my aunt, Miss Agonis Dease. Our superintendent is Mr. J. A. Johnston and our pastor is Rev. W. E. Winstead.

Mother and I are staying with our grandmother for awhile. I love my grandmothers. I am sending ten cents to the orphanage.

Here's hoping my letter misses the waste basket.

Your little friend,

Jackie Dease.

We appreciate very much your gift, little Jackie. We are glad that you like to hear the Children's Circle read. We really believe that mothers who read the page to their little boys are entitled to be honorary members of our circle. Doesn't that sound fair? —F. L. S.

The enclosed is for the Scholarship fund.

Friend.

Little folk, the "enclosed" was a dollar from a friend who loves to help, but who doesn't care to have her name made public. I'm sure you join me in thanking our kind friend. —F. L. S.

Perkinston, Miss., April 15, 1941

Dear Mrs. Steele:

Enclosed find fifty cents from the Intermediate class of the Red Creek Union Baptist Sunday School. Please apply to the orphanage fund. We have a good Sunday School and we are now having a revival in our church. Rev. Bryan Simmons of Laurel is doing the preaching. Rev. R. R. Darby is our pastor.

Yours with lots of love, Clinton, Gladys, Ivan, Ardelle, Teacher, Mrs. D. E. Parker.

How glad we are to have this letter and contribution from this Intermediate class and teacher. We are grateful. You are blessed in having Bro. Simmons to help in

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your meeting. I hope you may really have a revival.—F. L. S.

Jackson, Mississippi, April 7, 1941.

Mrs. X. O. Steele, Magee, Mississippi, Dear Miss Frances:

I am enclosing the three receipts which represent contributions through the Children's Circle which you forwarded to us as follows: \$1.00 for the Building Program and \$5.75 for general support; also a receipt for the \$10.00 for a special treat for the children from Mr. and Mrs. John Lipsey, honoring their mother's birthday.

Thank you so much for the assistance you are giving us through the Children's Page.

Yours very truly,
W. G. Mize.

New Orleans, Louisiana, April 8, 1941.

Mrs. X. O. Steele, Magee, Mississippi, Dear Mrs. Steele:

After a week of conferences with Secretary James W. Merritt, in Georgia, I am in the office for today and am leaving for special work in Florida. It rejoices my heart to see how our Baptist people are working and working together.

Enclosed is receipt for the \$9.75 from the Children's Circle to be applied on the scholarship for Miss Lynn Fleming. We join Miss Lynn in expressions of appreciation for this help.

Glad to report a great session, and with all good wishes, I am

Yours gratefully,

W. W. Hamilton, President

Dr. W. W. Hamilton preached last week in First Church, Lakeland, Florida, and directed the simultaneous campaign in South Florida Association.

Dr. A. C. Miller, supervisor of Soldier Work, said recently that officers of the 36th Division, U. S. Army, have turned down an offer of \$200 monthly rental for the Officers Club Building, Palacios, to be used for a night club. Instead, they rented it to the Baptists for their chapel, at \$100 per month. Ex.

Rev. A. E. Lightfoot, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Starke, baptized eight fine soldiers from Blanding Sunday night, five from Mississippi, two from Maine and one from Starke. There are seven more awaiting baptism. Another soldier from Louisiana was received by letter.—Florida Baptist Witness.

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First Church, Laurel, to Hold Youth Revival

Copying from "Training Union News" the quarterly sheet printed by the Jones County Baptist Training Union—"CHESTER SWOR—Youth Week will begin at First Church, Laurel, June 1st and will continue through June 8th with Chester Swor. Those of us who know Chester and have heard his spiritual and challenging messages will tell you that you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. You will love him and be drawn closer to Christ whom he represents so well. We trust every church in Jones Co. will make plans to bring their young people to hear Chester." Jones Co. is fortunate in having this fine young man for this week. He is sought far and near and his time is pledged for months in advance. We add our hope that every church in Jones and other nearby counties will take advantage of this unusual opportunity and attend these meetings.

Summerland To Be Host Church for District Twelve B. T. U. Convention

The Summerland church, Rev. J. T. Carter, pastor, and Miss Vera Boutwell, B. T. U. Director, has extended an invitation to the District Training Union Convention to meet with them on Friday, June 20th. Mr. Clifton Keen of Laurel is the President of the District and asks that all churches in the district take notice and make plans to have a good attendance from their church. He also urges each association to have a full representation in the contests. The convention will open at 10:00 A.M. and will run through an evening session. This will be the schedule for all fifteen conventions meeting in June. District Twelve comprises George, Green, Perry, Wayne, and Jones Associations. Each of these associations is fully organized and will cooperate with Mr. Keen in his plans for the best convention the district had yet held.

Bethesda in Hinds County

We are happy to have a good report from the Bethesda church in Hinds Co. Under the leadership of Mr. Buford White a splendid corps of leaders has been enlisted and together they are making the Training Union a vital factor in the church and community. They are truly missionary in spirit and so have already been doing some extension work on their own initiative, going to a nearby church with a program in the interest of organizing the work there. Brother Langley, their pastor, cooperates fully with them in their work, and proves an inspiration in their plans.

Ridgecrest

Training Union Week at Ridgecrest is July 19-25, 1941. Have you ever been? We hope you can go

this year. Your minimum expenses while there will be, Registration fee \$1.00 (50¢ for Juniors and Intermediates) \$1.50 a day for bed in one of the "Bird" cabins and meals in the hotel dining room. This will amount to ten or eleven dollars. Your transportation will be extra, and you can spend as much more as you may have to spend. We plan to run a school bus again, and the entire trip including transportation, meals enroute, lodging enroute registration fee room in the Red-Blue Bird cabin and meals in the hotel dining room will be a minimum of \$22.50. If you are interested in this trip write Mr. Earl Clark, Box 530, Jackson, Miss. We learn that registrations for that week are already pouring in at Ridgecrest. TO ALL WHO EXPECT TO GO OTHER THAN ON OUR BUS you will make your own reservations by writing to Mr. Perry Morgan, Ridgecrest, N. C., telling him your desires.

Tunica Juniors Prove It Can Be Done

The Tunica Juniors has a big time a few weeks ago in their Study Course. Miss Vera McCain, their leader—also District Leader—knew that the study course would be good for every junior who could be enlisted for the study, so she set her boys and girls to work to enlist as many other juniors as possible. Little buttons worded, "Bring One" were given to the Juniors and when they brought one they were given another pin worded "Brought One" Monday night they had 29 present and thought that was fine, Miss McCain told them that they had just started, so they went to work in earnest the next day and on Tuesday night, 52 happy faces greeted the leader. About 20 of these were pro-junior age and so a story hour program became necessary. These boys and girls from Tunica, Banks, Robinsonville and even as far as "Hollywood" (not California). Like Juniors, older people will be interested in going when a real program of Spiritual power awaits them. To get them there the first time is the main concern, and if they find a blessing there they will want to come again.

WE ISSUED 1,392 TRAINING UNION STUDY COURSE AWARDS IN MARCH. There were 26 associations reporting study courses for March. April will bring us many requests for awards for study courses taught in March, and we hope to report more than 2,000 awards issued in April. MAY IS A GOOD MONTH FOR A STUDY ALSO.

This past week we issued awards for a study course taught A YEAR AGO! Please report your study course as soon as you have com-

pleted it. BLANKS FOR REQUESTING AWARDS will be sent to you upon request. When you send the names in on other than a regular form we have to send them back to you with the blanks to be filled in properly.

A Volunteer For Jesus

We continue to add names to our list of volunteers for our summer program. We hope to use seventy five to a hundred volunteers this summer. If you have had Training Union experience as a member, are willing to give your best to a program of Training Union promotion in churches that do not now have a union drop us a card. The program will run from July 11th through August 15th.

A letter just received from a fine girl who was one of our volunteers last summer reads in part, "You will recall when you look at the name that I did study course work with one of the groups last summer. I would like very much to do it again if you can use me. The experience and the strength I gained doing B. T. U. summer work have certainly been contributing factors to my Christian development." And our answer was "Yes, and happy to have you."

BAPTISTS ENJOY SUPPER TOGETHER

Close to one hundred fifty members of the church and congregation of the First Church in Biloxi, sat down Thursday night to a fellowship supper planned to honor new members of the church. Numerous complete family groups were noted while others had only one absentee. Tables extended around the large lower auditorium with numerous primary tables set within the U-shaped space for the younger members and children. Mes. Eric Smith W. O. Wight, and J. F. Joullian, assisted by Bill Hodge, arranged the tables and their decoration, a central runner of white strewn with ivy and pansies. At intervals were bowls of orange calendula adding a bright note of color. Sweetpeas, larkspur, petunias and baskets of evergreen were used on the piano, mantels and elsewhere throughout the room. Flowers came from the gardens of Mes. E. A. Hiller, A. W. Carey, O. S. Gillis, L. O. Denton, and others.

"We're Marching to Zion" was sung, led by Professor M. M. Flowers with Mrs. Flowers at the piano. During the meal a musical program was enjoyed. "He Keeps Me Singing" was sung by a trio, Misses Wilene Blakeney, Sallie Welch and Mrs. M. M. Flowers, accompanied by Mrs. Earl Welch. Jack Smith rendered a piano solo. Earlier, while guests were assembling, Martha Jo Gillis played informally. Grace was said by Pastor G. C. Hodge, after which the bountiful

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seafood supper with many tempting covered dishes brought by the guests was enjoyed. Serving on the preparation and serving committee were Mes. W. H. Latimer, W. J. Brown, C. M. Morrison, J. E. Kelly, M. H. Dees, J. C. Brent, Earl Burnside and B. C. Breland.

New members were introduced by the pastor and several spoke briefly of their pleasure in finding a congenial church home in Biloxi. A digest of the articles of faith was given by a group of members: Mrs. W. J. Wadlington, Miss Elizabeth Pickering, Mes. F. J. Pates and C. E. Sills, Judge F. L. Motley, a visitor; Mrs. E. S. Clancy, G. C. Hodge, Jr. a visitor; Profs. M. M. Flowers and L. Z. Seal, Jack Smith, James Brent, Mrs. E. G. Bond, Miss Ruth Gillis, E. G. Bond, Mes. L. L. Lockett, M. H. Dees, and G. C. Hodge.

The supper chairman, Mrs. M. H. Dees, introduced her very capable committees which were generously applauded for their outstanding accomplishment. Because of other local affairs, the exact number attending could not be known, and the committee in charge handled the situation exceedingly well. Other committees announced were: Music, Mrs. M. M. Flowers Tableware, Mes. H. L. Smith, Maude Reed, and T. C. Benny; Reception, Mes. J. O. Sehman, Mamie Reed, and Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Hodge. The latter committee provided name tags for each person present, so that names were available for the newer and older members alike. The meeting closed with the reading in unison of the church covenant after which all sang, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds Our Hearts In Christian Love," standing in a circle with clasped hands. Judge Motley gave the closing prayer.

At last report Dr. C. M. Brittain, mission secretary for Florida Baptists was in the Baptist Hospital in Memphis. He has worked in Florida for 35 years.

Brother Jack Perkins, for some time pastor's assistant in First Church, Columbus, Miss., is now in similar work in Riverside Church, Ft. Worth, Texas.

The Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, will hold its commencement exercise on Monday and Tuesday, May 5 and 6. The baccalaureate address will be delivered by President D. M. Nelson of Mississippi College. The missionary sermon and alumni address will be given by Rev. W. L. Stagg, Jr., Lake Charles, La. The institute has had a great session. There will be forty-three receiving degrees and diplomas.

SUMMER TERM AND CAMP BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Hendersonville, N. C. The Six Weeks Summer Term, beginning June 27, is semi-camp in nature, part of the forenoons being devoted to academic program and remainder of time given over to a well planned and carefully supervised program of physical diversions. Moderate charges. Descriptive literature upon request. Address, J. R. Sandifer, Box B, Hendersonville, N. C.

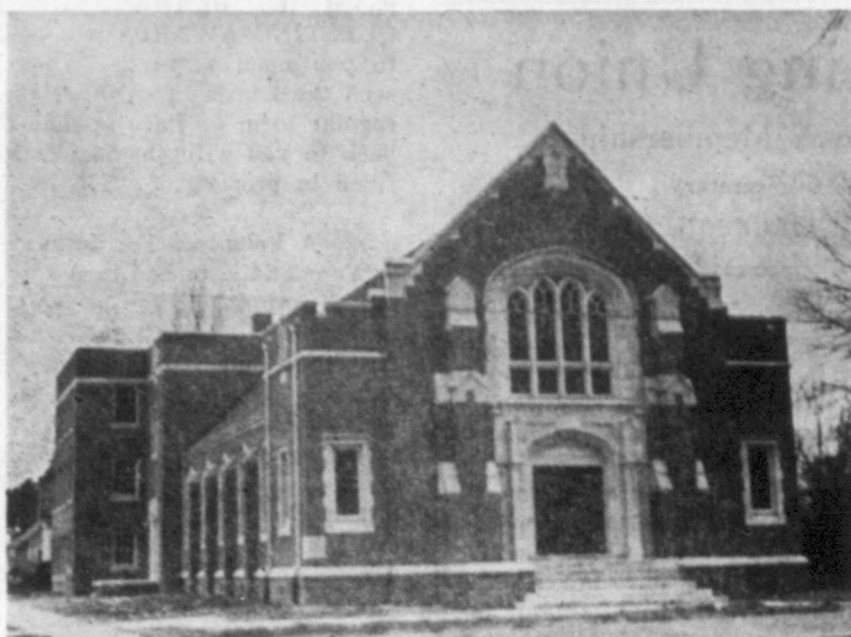
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MISSIONS AFTER THE WAR—

(Continued from page 6)

A third condition is certain to prevail after the war which makes it imperative that Baptists make preparation during the war for their post-war program. It is certain that a depression will follow the war. The writer has conferred with numerous financial and business leaders concerning the economic conditions which will follow the war. They are unanimous in the opinion that a depression will follow the war though they differ as to its extent. This will be true in our country as in the rest of the world. This depression will probably be felt sooner than was the case after the last war. These facts present one ominous, unescapable problem to Baptists as they think of a mission program after the war. This problem is the seeming certainty that they will not then be able to support an enlarged mission program after the war on the basis of their present gifts to missions. They cannot think of a program to meet post-war responsibilities without thinking, also, of providing funds, beforehand, to support that program. They will not be able to take advantage of a single new opportunity nor accept a single new responsibility if they come to that time with no more resources than their current income for missions from the churches. This income will probably be less when the post-war depression settles upon the country and our Foreign Mission Board will, no doubt, find it difficult to carry on its, then, current program. While the payment of debts may release money which will bridge the gap, our Board will still be facing the open doors with empty hands unless something is done to provide for that day.

Now what should Southern Baptists do in the face of these inescapable conditions? Manifestly they must implement themselves with resources before the war ends, by which they can enter the open doors and be equal to the day God has prepared. The financial leaders mentioned above agree that our country will enjoy a good measure of prosperity during the war. In this fact are potentialities for increased giving among our people which should be utilized in this connection. A program to meet this post-war needs must be tremendous. It must appeal to the heroic in our people. It must probe deep into their reserves of devotion for Christ and humanity. It must not injure the Cooperative Program or the Hundred Thousand Club program. That something must be done. A "Promised Land" of opportunity is beyond the desert and wilderness of the war. Baptists must enter it. A cross of tremendous responsibility is atop the Calvary of want and opportunity the war will leave. Baptists must be ready to bear the cross. As above stated, the Christian group, which is ready to enter these open doors at war's end, will be the group which can pre-empt territory and lay foundations for centuries of service and growth. We know that the Catholics have almost unlimited resources for taking advantage of such opportunity. Hitler and his co-



DURANT BAPTIST CHURCH

Springtime has come to Durant Baptists burdened with blessings. After worshiping for more than a year in temporary quarters after a fire had made their church building unusable, the congregation rejoices in the beauty and excellent accommodations of an entirely new \$30,000 church plant. The building was occupied February 23. The new structure is the realization of the dreams and plans of not only the present membership, but of two former pastors, Dr. J. S. Riser and Rev. W. R. Haynie, under whose leadership and efforts the building was planned and constructed. The building is a beautiful example of Gothic architecture made of face brick with cast stone framing of all openings. Soft interior color tones, woodwork finished in dark mahogany, and delicately tinted art glass windows make the auditorium inspiring worshipful. A beautiful baptismal window is the gift of Mrs. C. S. Crider as a memorial to her mother. Semi-indirect lighting is used in the auditorium.

The Sunday school has more than

horts spent years accumulating in the snap-judgment of any group. This writer has in mind a program which he would be willing to enter but because the involvements are so far reaching, he refrains from stating it quite yet. Some definite over-and-above effort is required. A method with some of the Hundred Thousand Club features could be considered. A direct and general appeal may be best. We need to give concerted and combined thought and prayer to the matter. It needs to be discussed freely by the brotherhood. Conferences and correspondence with some of our leaders indicate a deep interest in the matter and a desire for its discussion. The request is hereby made that brethren over our convention write their reactions regarding it. Let it be discussed through our state papers. The writer would be glad to have correspondence about it with frank discussion and definite suggestions for the solution of the problem. If a number of the brethren so write, it may be possible to formulate the most prevalent opinion. Here is our number one challenge. Let us face it courageously!

We are still using our "hind-sights" on what we did after the

doubled in attendance since the new building was entered, thanks to the untiring efforts of brother Robert E. Irby, superintendent. A full graded W. M. U. moves forward delightfully under the direction of Mrs. A. L. Stevens, president. Mrs. H. L. Herrington is leading in building up a fine B. T. U. They have just completed a spring training school. A Brotherhood has been organized and is headed by E. E. Wynn. Most gratifying strides have already been made by the new church unit. Miss Mamie Clark directs our choir. Quitman Steed is church treasurer, Sylvian Boyette is financial secretary, and W. H. Counts is chairman of the deacons. Mrs. C. S. Crider is church clerk.

Forty-eight members have been received since January 15. A \$1,700 current building indebtedness has been reduced to less than \$100. Fifty-five new subscriptions have been sent to The Baptist Record. Large plans have been laid to the future. Please remember us in your prayers.

—J. H. Street, Pastor.

last war. Let us now use our fore-sights on what we will do after the present war!

lements of war in preparation for their planned effort to impose their pagan rule on the world. Because of his preparation, unprepared nations have been ground beneath his heel. If Baptists really believe their boasted claim that their message is the need of the world and if they take seriously Christ's command to give it to the world, they dare not evade the responsibility to prepare for the day of opportunity which seems certain to come. There are difficulties, yes! But none to compare with those which faced the little group of early disciples whom Christ commanded to conquer the world for him. In speaking of the opportunities at Ephesus, Paul said, "And there are many adversaries!" Let us thank God that he did not say, "But there are many adversaries!" Let us pray that Baptists will not say, in the face of opportunities preparing, "But there are many adversaries!"

Admittedly the how of accumulating the funds which will be necessary in meeting the post-war challenge is a major problem. It is too much for solution by one man or by

A GOOD LETTER

The following is a copy of a letter unsolicited from a young couple who have recently married. This young couple lived at the Baptist Orphanage for a number of years.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mize:

You won't know what to think of getting a letter from me, but I thought I would write some things that I couldn't tell you. Most people whom I have met do not know anything about orphanage life, especially as it is lived in the Baptist Orphanage. They think life in an orphanage is awful (at least some of them do). I have been talking ever since I left and so has Proby. We are glad that we can tell people we have lived at the Baptist Orphanage and we can give nothing but a good report, that is we know nothing bad to say about it. If we could not say nice things we wouldn't say anything.

You both were really nice to us while we lived there. You were not only good to us but to every boy and girl there. You are doing splendid work. I guess if you hadn't started building new buildings the old ones would have fallen in on us.

We want you to know that we appreciate the things the Orphanage did for us and we are grateful to Mississippi Baptists for having such a wonderful place for dependent boys and girls. Before we went to the Orphanage we did not have many advantages. We didn't go to church until then, but now it hurts us if we don't go. We feel that it is our duty to go. Not only does the Orphanage teach you Christianity but it teaches you manners, etc. The Orphanage doesn't do it, but it is the leadership of the superintendent, superintendent's wife, matrons, teachers and others.

We learned to love the Orphanage and the people who worked for it. We hope every boy and girl there will learn to love it as we did. It seemed like home and it was home to us. Maybe some day we can show our appreciation through giving. Thanking you again and again, we are,

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THE SEMINARY MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

By Dr. W. O. Carver

The 1941 Spring Conference was more distinctively and truly a conference than any of its predecessors. At the suggestion of President Sampey it was throughout devoted to consideration of missions, with the distinct emphasis on as thorough and frank a study of the principles and methods of missions in the light of present and prospective world conditions as the circumstances made possible. The leaders of the conference were chosen with the utmost care from among many possibilities of competent leadership. It was a deep regret that illness prevented Secretary Lawrence from being present. At his request and with the heartiest concurrence of the Seminary Committee, Dr. Noble Y. Beall substituted for him.

All the chosen leaders took their assignments very seriously. In all except two of the conferences extensive time was given for forum discussion of questions raised by members of the audience. Questions were written so that they might be classified with a view to giving consideration to the most important, and to unifying under one topic questions which were similar.

The questions raised during the conference were faced with remarkable frankness and were discussed without evasion.

The topics of the various sessions were: The Opportunity and Outlook; Missions in a World at War; Ends in Modern Missions; Methods in Modern Missions; Baptists of the World Working Together; Making and Keeping America Christian; The Unfinished Tasks of Home Missions; Who Is Sufficient for These Things? The last topic led to a consideration of the qualities and characteristics of men who are to do the work and lead the undertakings of missions today and tomorrow. This last topic was presented with such powerful portrayal of actual work under current conditions and in the face of many possibilities in China, by H. H. McMillan, as to impress everybody that his spirit and portrayal gave a living example of "Who Is Sufficient for These Things."

Every address provoked questions from the audience. Unfortunately, too little time was left for dealing with the questions in some of the conferences, especially in those relating to Home Missions. In this conference, Dr. Beall discussed Southern Baptists in relation to the Negro problem with courage and challenging frankness. Dr. Fuller, as President of the Home Mission Board, gave a great challenge in behalf of the increasing number of unevangelized in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. He especially emphasized a program for enlisting the city churches in comprehensive evangelism. He stressed the deplorable fact that for the most part our churches have come to be intramural organizations, spending their energies on perfecting the institutions and works incorporated within the churches themselves and carried on within their own walls, while the thousands of people who neglect their religious needs are being almost equally neglected by the

church members who should be carrying the gospel to them.

Drs. Ryland Knight, Geo. W. Sadler and T. F. Adams led us to face courageously and with conviction the need for rethinking entirely the whole task of world evangelism and the relationships of Baptists to other Christian forces who are also responsible for carrying the gospel to all men.

Dr. J. Hundley Wiley, of Shanghai University, spoke with great insight and comprehensiveness, even though with surprising brevity, of "Our Part in the World Mission Task." He stimulated thinking and aroused sympathetic, progressive questioning.

Dr. Louie D. Newton gave a thrilling, detailed account of the needs of "orphaned missions" and of the opportunities which God is laying before American Baptists in relation to the mission work of our Baptist brethren of other countries, so seriously hampered by war conditions. This fellowship with their sufferings must be extended and continued indefinitely.

Again and again the question of the bearing of the war on missions came forward, with the impression deepening all the while that the more fundamental nature and purpose of the universal gospel must not be subjected to forms of government nor to the clashes of nations in diplomacy, nor even in bitter warfare. The Christ came and the Christian movement arose in a totalitarian state. He loved and inaugurated his gospel in the midst of a small nation subject to a dictatorial empire and oppressed in subordination to imperialism. In the face of conflicting ideals and efforts after "world orders" today, Christians need to keep in mind that in the gospel of the Kingdom of God Jesus proposed a comprehensive world order to be preached and realized through grace, righteousness, justice and redemption, establishing brotherhood among all peoples to the end of the earth. The unanimity with which participants in the conference accepted this prophetic interpretation of our task is full of promise, if this ideal shall be generally accepted by our leaders.

The whole series of conferences was opened by an address by President McLeod, of Centre College, on Christianity challenging rather than being challenged. Dr. Theodore F. Adams of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, preached each night with practical effectiveness and stimulating appeal. Four periods were occupied by the Norton Lectures, delivered by the distinguished Nobel-Prize winning physicist, Dr. Arthur H. Compton. Dr. Compton is a leading Christian layman, as well as professor in Chicago University and world famous scientist. His somewhat informal lectures on relations between Science and Religion were very popular, following lines known to readers of his books, "The Freedom of Man", and "Human Meaning of Science".

During the past year 215 boys and girls were cared for by your own Baptist Orphanage. The average attendance or enrollment was 158, this number coming from 39 different counties.

EASTER SUNDAY AT THE BAPTIST ORPHANAGE

By Mrs. W. G. Mize

Easter dawned with all the awe and majesty of a beautiful spring Lord's Day. Preparations had been made to convey a large number of our boys and girls to the Sunrise service at Belhaven Lake. Some 75 were dressed in their new spring togs at 5:30 to attend.

The lovely setting for the service made the holiness and sacredness of things spiritual seem very real indeed. Eight girls from the home sang sweetly "My Jesus I Love Thee."

The Orphanage family enjoyed a good breakfast at which a devotional was given by Mr. Mize. He later gave each child some of the Easter candies that were presented by the Lion's Club but contributed by the chain stores.

Sunday school was held in the J. E. Byrd Memorial Chapel. It is a beautiful chapel at all times, but with the green of ferns and whiteness of Iris and Spirea, it was quite lovely. The music department of the school gave special arrangements of He Arose, Praise Ye The Lord, Master, the Tempest Is Raging.

After church a delicious dinner was enjoyed in the attractive dining room. Well placed around the walls were bunnies as large as children and wagon cars of spring flowers, making it unusually pretty. Each table was centered with an arrangement of Iris and seasonal favors.

In the afternoon, the Civitan Club entertained the boys and girls with an egg hunt at the park. After sup-

per and B. T. U. many attended evening services; others remained on the campus for the devotional. All were reminded of the true significance of the day, and made to realize that Christians worship a living Lord. While the world's day of Easter celebration with eggs, bunnies and bonnets varies every year, still there is no variableness in Jesus. He is the same every day and every Sunday commemorates His resurrection. His story was not buried in decorations but His name as Saviour was lifted up. He continues to live and reign in the hearts and lives of all who acknowledge Him as the risen Lord.

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Understand Them

First of all in these days of the severest trial of their faith which has come to our Baptist brethren in Japan, we can come to understand them as most of us have not hitherto had occasion to know them. We shall recall that under the impact of Northern Baptists they have been seventy years and under Southern Baptists fifty years growing into a Baptist people.

An Autonomous Denomination

They have become a self-conscious, autonomous, convinced denomination. Two years ago, on their own initiative and in their own way, all Baptists in Japan constituted themselves and their churches into one Japan Baptist Convention, with their own officers, executive committee and other functioning committees. They adopted the New Hampshire Confession as the statement of their faith. They have leaders of first, second, and third generation Christians, with already a growing denominational heritage and tradition. More than a dozen of their leaders, including a small number of women, had much of their training in the United States. A dozen of them are graduates of the Southern Baptist Seminary. Shortly after the government Religious Bodies Control Bill was passed the Baptist Union was formed and soon had its representative already competent to speak for his denomination in all proper relations with the Government's department of education and religion. This face has given Baptists a strong position in all the conferences and negotiations about union in relation to the Government's demand for unified representation. Only one other denominational group had its constitution ready for government approval.

Thus we are to think always of organized, independent, Japanese Baptists. They are not great in numbers—only some 7,500. All the churches are independent; all pastors are Japanese, all the organizations and all their officers are Japanese; all institutions are Japanese controlled and administered. Southern Baptists, through their Foreign Board and through their missionaries, are cooperating brethren with a body of Baptists, younger, far less numerous, financially weak, needing fellowship and welcoming counsel and sympathy in their problems and their planning, and in their achieving.

The Question of Union

In Japan, as in all other parts of the Protestant world, there is a strong and determined effort to bring about union of all denominations in one church. As elsewhere, there are some who feel that this is the first need of Christianity in Japan. The current crisis afforded these eager unionists a fine opportunity which they were quick to see. Their aims and efforts have been very embarrassing to Japanese Christians who believe in congregational autonomy and individual responsibility. Others besides Baptists have suffered their embarrassment and are steadily opposing centralized control under a unionizing creed. In the progress of these discussions Baptists—and others with them—have become clearer and more convinced that spiritual unity in Christian faith and experience must be distinguished from Church Union. While they cultivate unity, they resist union, that is why the union has not been effected. It was announced to be consummated last October. The news publicity made much of a large meeting in Tokyo to establish this union in the one Japan Christian Church. What actually was done was that a committee of seventy was appointed to draft a constitution for the United Church; a head was chosen who, because he was already a Methodist bishop, was proclaimed unofficially as Bishop Abe of the Japan Christian Church. But that church must wait for a constitution and for actual official organization under that constitution, if and when it shall be accepted by the various denominations and approved by the Government.

It was announced that the final meeting of the committee of seventy would be held in February and that after March 31 the union would be in full force; that no denomination would then be recognized and no more financial aid be allowed

WHAT WE CAN DO FOR OUR JAPANESE BRETHREN IN THIS CRISIS

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from America (or other countries). Instead of consummating the union in February the large committee acknowledged its inability to agree; appointed a committee of seventeen to work out an agreement so as to be ready for the new order by April 1. Now the union has been postponed until June, at least.

Why the Delay

The explanation of all this delay is the resistance to the proposed organization. The congregational conviction grows. The Baptist idea appeals. On their part, the Episcopalians stand aloof, because no others will accept their ideas of apostolic ordination and priestly sacramentalism. No union, then, has yet been affected.

The Government's Concern

It is a mistake to think this crisis is primarily a course of the Government to suppress Christianity. The Japanese Government is very preoccupied, and hard-pressed. It must be suspicious of all foreigners and keep under surveillance all organizations that might be disloyal. The Christian churches are the product of American missions and have been receiving money from America. They must be watched. To keep eyes on a score of denominations would require a complicated bureau and many agents, at a time when all such agents are needed in other spheres of service. The Government wishes to simplify its task. How? At this point the Christian union agitators see an opportunity. They proposed this political union of administration and encouraged the Government to adopt it.

The Government is not concerned about the creedal and the ecclesiastical issues; but only with the administrative aspects in the interest of national security. They have been surprised and have grown impatient with the slow progress of the churches in effecting union. Now the Government has approved a scheme providing for ten "blocks" within the one administrative Church, each "block" to retain its own autonomy and conduct its own affairs, in its own way, so long as it is accessible to the Government in affairs pertinent to civil control through the one official representative. One of these "blocks" is the Baptist Convention. Thus far none of its functions has been disturbed. No changes at all in administration, faculty, curriculum or worship has been made in either the Seminary or the College.

Not An Anti-Christian Course

What we need to keep in mind is that this law of Japan deals with all religions alike. Christianity is not singled out in the law or in its administration. The same rule applies to Buddhists. Their more than forty denominations are required to submit to the same regulations; and, incidentally are having difficulties similar to those of the Christians. One of their largest denominations are required to submit to the same regulations; and, incidentally are having difficulties similar to those of the Christians. One of their largest denominations has refused to unite and is thus far allowed its own standing. Even Shinto denominations are subject to the same requirements. At least two Shinto denominations of more than a million members have been dissolved and some leaders imprisoned.

No nation in the world has a more enlightened and formally just article on freedom of religion in its constitution than is found in that of Japan, adopted in 1889. And until 1931 Japan lived by that constitution. Now the constitution is in abeyance, as is that of every other nation, including our own. We must not grow excited and allow temporary conditions to lead us to take actions that will fix policies which will be permanent when the crisis is past. We came dangerously near to wrecking our great program in China during the Anti-Christian movement from 1922 to 1931. It did look, for a time, as if our schools could no longer be Christian. Some of them were closed by the mission boards because freedom

of control and teaching were denied by the Government. One the whole patience prevailed. A soberer China awaited. And it came. Nothing is more popular in China today than a Christian school; and it has absolute freedom.

Furthermore, Christianity has come into new power in China. Even in all the disorder of war and occupation, twice as many baptisms have been administered within the past three years as in any preceeding three years. Let us trust God and be patient in Japan. This tempest will be overpast, and the sun of glorious opportunity will shine again. Japan is not fundamentally anti-Christian. It will be terrible if we exclude our witness now and find, in the new day which must soon come, that our witness is excluded because of our deserting in a crisis.

One of our foremost Japanese leaders has pointed out that Christianity is essentially universal, therefore, inter-national; that the Christian witness is imperative now to counter the excessive and exclusive nationalism so powerful in Japan and in so many other lands. Another leader has said that there are those who would like to buy our splendid school at Fukuoka, with its hundreds of students, and make of it a secular, government school. Its large budget is derived almost wholly from patronage. What we put in it is only a small fraction of its total budget, but that sum is a symbol of fellowship and a confidence and an ideal that give the school a standing which makes possible its patronage and its contribution to the moral culture of the nation. If we forsake our Baptists now, they fear they will lose the school. With that loss would go our means of training a leadership and of pouring our Christianity into the blood stream of the Japanese nation.

The form of statement of the issue has seemed to mean that no money can any longer be given from America for Christian work. That is a mistake. We hear the most convincing and satisfying evidence that all the help we may wish can be extended. It must be done in the form of "gifts" and not subsidies, of friendship and not patronage. All that goes in that form will be gladly accepted and there will be no official opposition, nor officious interference. Our Baptists in Japan have the widest door of opportunity ever open to them, and their many adversaries are more powerful than before. But in the spirit of Paul they hold on for just these reasons. And we, on this side, must help them hold on—help by prayer, by confidence, by continuing our small support, less than \$10,000.00 a year. When the whole matter was canvassed at the recent meeting of the Foreign Mission Board, it was unanimously voted to continue our part of the support of the Seminary and of the College-middle school, so long as the Japanese Baptists maintain their Baptist integrity and autonomy. None of us will merge our identity nor suppress our message in a centralized union church. Across the seas, of water and of misunderstanding, we will join hands with our brethren in Japan as they uphold and proclaim the Word of the Christ in its saving simplicity and power.

Under all the pressure from this side and that, one of our missionaries is now in Japan. To explain by saying that he went to Japan because of a sense of divine calling, because God loves the Japanese, because the Japanese need Christ: that the call has not been revoked, that God loves the Japanese not less—maybe more—now than when he went, because the Japanese need Christ more than ever.

With all the necessary withdrawals the Board showed its faith and love by unanimously adopting the recommendations of our noble Secretary for the Orient: that we continue the appropriations for the two schools so long as they can witness to individual experience and responsibility to God; and that we continue the appointment for Japan of six of our missionaries, even while most of them must be out of Japan for the time being.

Surely the denomination will rejoice in this course, as it does in the caution, of its Foreign Board.

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